

# NAPLA LAW SCHOOL LOCATOR 2014-2015

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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 *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\*](#) at <http://lsac.org/jd/choosing-a-law-school/evaluating-law-schools> on the [\*LSAC.org\*](#) website.)

## LOCATOR MATRIX

			F	C	A
3.8			G	D	B
3.6					
MEDIAN GPA		L	J	H	
3.4					
	O	M	K		
3.2					
	P	N			
	150	155	160	165	170
	MEDIAN LSAT SCORE				

The LSAT and GPA medians used in the Locator are drawn from the [\*ABA Standard 509 Information Reports\*](#) in the [\*Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools\*](#) at LSAC.org and reflect admissions to full-time programs for Fall 2013. The information was compiled by the Boston College Career Center staff. An on-line version of the Locator based on 25<sup>th</sup> percentile LSAT and GPA scores is on the [\*BC Career Center website\*](#) at: <http://www.bc.edu/lawlocator>.

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### A) GPA: 3.8+ LSAT: 170+

Chicago (U of)  
Harvard University  
Stanford University  
Yale University

### B) GPA: 3.60-3.79 LSAT: 170+

Columbia University  
New York University

### C) GPA: 3.8+ LSAT: 165-169

Pennsylvania (U of)  
Virginia (U of)

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

Boston University  
California (U of), Berkeley  
California (U of), Los Angeles  
Cornell University  
Duke University  
Emory University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Michigan (U of)  
Northwestern University  
Southern California (U of)  
Texas (U of) at Austin  
Vanderbilt University  
Washington University

### F) GPA: 3.80+ LSAT: 160-164

Alabama (U of)  
Indiana University - Bloomington

### G) GPA: 3.60-3.79 LSAT: 160-164

Boston College  
Brigham Young University  
Georgia (U of)  
Minnesota (U of)  
Notre Dame (U of)  
Ohio State University  
Southern Methodist University  
Washington (U of)  
William & Mary Law School

### H) GPA: 3.40-3.59 LSAT: 160-164

Arizona  
Arizona State  
Baylor University  
California (U of), Davis  
California (U of), Irvine  
Cardozo School of Law  
Colorado (U of)  
Florida (U of)  
Fordham University  
George Mason University  
Houston (U of)  
Illinois (U of)  
Iowa (U of)  
Maryland (U of)  
Nebraska (U of)  
North Carolina (U of), Chapel Hill  
Northeastern University  
Pepperdine University  
Richmond (U of)  
Temple University  
Tulane University  
Wake Forest University  
Washington & Lee University  
Wisconsin (U of)

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

American University  
Belmont University  
Brooklyn Law School  
California (U of), Hastings  
Chicago-Kent School of Law

Cincinnati (U of)  
Connecticut (U of)  
Denver (U of)  
Florida International University  
Florida State University  
Hawaii (U of)  
Indiana University - Indianapolis  
Kentucky (U of)  
Lewis & Clark College  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University - Chicago  
Michigan State University  
Mississippi (U of)  
Missouri (U of)  
Nevada (U of) - Las Vegas  
Oklahoma (U of)  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pittsburgh (U of)  
San Diego (U of)  
Seton Hall University  
St. John's University  
Tennessee (U of)  
Texas Tech University  
Tulsa (U of) School of Law  
University of Kansas (U of)  
Utah (U of)  
Villanova University  
Wayne State University

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

Case Western Reserve University  
Catholic University of America  
Chapman University  
Drexel University  
Georgia State  
Louisville (U of)  
Maine (U of)  
Marquette University  
Miami (U of)  
New Hampshire (U of)  
Oregon (U of)  
Quinnipiac University  
Rutgers University - Camden  
Rutgers University - Newark  
Santa Clara University  
Seattle University  
South Carolina (U of)  
St. Thomas University (MN)  
Stetson University  
Syracuse University

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

Arkansas Fayetteville  
Buffalo (U of) - SUNY (U of)  
Duquesne University  
Hamline University  
New Mexico (U of)  
Saint Louis University  
West Virginia University

### M) GPA: 3.20-3.39 LSAT: 150-154

Akron (U of)  
Albany Law of Union University  
Arkansas Little Rock  
Baltimore (U of)  
Campbell University  
City University of New York  
Cleveland State University  
Creighton University  
DePaul University  
Drake University  
Gonzaga University  
Idaho (U of)  
Liberty University  
McGeorge Law (U of the Pacific)  
Memphis (U of)

Mercer University  
Missouri (U of)-Kansas City  
Montana (U of)  
Northern Kentucky University  
Ohio Northern University  
Pace University  
Regent University  
Samford University  
San Francisco (U of)  
Southwestern Law School  
Texas A&M University  
Toledo (U of)  
Vermont Law School  
Washburn University  
William Mitchell College of Law  
Wyoming (U of)

### N) GPA: <3.20 LSAT: 150-154

California Western  
Charleston School of Law  
Detroit Mercy (U of)  
Elon University  
Golden Gate University  
Hofstra University  
Howard University  
Loyola University - New Orleans  
New York Law  
Northern Illinois University  
South Texas College of Law  
Southern Illinois University  
St. Mary's University  
Thomas M. Cooley School of Law  
Western State College  
Widener University - Delaware  
Williamette University

### O) GPA: 3.20-3.39 LSAT: <150

Capital University  
Mississippi College  
North Dakota (U of)  
Pontifical Catholic U of Puerto Rico  
Suffolk University  
Western New England University  
Puerto Rico (U of)

### P) GPA: <3.20 LSAT: <150

Appalachian State University  
Atlanta's John Marshall  
Ave Maria  
Dayton (U of)  
District of Columbia (U of)  
Faulkner University  
Inter American U of Puerto Rico  
John Marshall School of Law  
New England Law | Boston  
North Carolina Central University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Oklahoma City University  
Roger Williams University  
South Dakota (U of)  
St. Thomas University (FL)  
Texas Southern University  
Touro College  
Valparaiso University  
Widener University - Harrisburg  
Arizona Summit  
Barry University  
Charlotte School of Law  
Florida A&M University  
Florida Coastal University  
La Verne (U of)  
Massachusetts (U of) - Dartmouth  
Southern University A&M  
Thomas Jefferson School of Law  
Whittier Law School