

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL LOCATOR 2016-2017

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The **Boston College 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 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

				C	A
3.8			H	E	D
3.6					B
MEDIAN GPA		L	J	F	
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 those reported in the *Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools* at LSAC.org and reflect admissions to full-time programs for Fall 2015. The data was compiled by the Boston College Career Center staff.

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A) GPA: 3.8+ LSAT: 170+
CHICAGO, UNIVERSITY OF
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
STANFORD UNIVERSITY
YALE UNIVERSITY

B) GPA: 3.60-3.79 LSAT: 170+
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

C) GPA: 3.8+ LSAT: 165-169
PENNSYLVANIA, UNIVERSITY OF
VIRGINIA, UNIVERSITY OF

D) GPA: 3.60-3.79 LSAT: 165-169
CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY, UNIV OF
CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES, U OF
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
DUKE UNIVERSITY
EMORY UNIVERSITY
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
MICHIGAN, UNIVERSITY OF
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, U OF
TEXAS AT AUSTIN, UNIVERSITY OF
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

E) GPA: 3.60-3.79 LSAT: 160-164
ALABAMA, UNIVERSITY OF
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOSTON UNIVERSITY
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY
COLORADO, UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA, UNIVERSITY OF
INDIANA UNIVERSITY - BLOOMINGTON
IOWA, UNIVERSITY OF
MINNESOTA, UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME, UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF
WILLIAM AND MARY LAW SCHOOL

F) GPA: 3.40-3.59 LSAT: 160-164
ARIZONA, UNIVERSITY OF
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
BOSTON COLLEGE
CALIFORNIA-DAVIS, UNIVERSITY OF
CALIFORNIA-IRVINE, UNIVERSITY OF
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH CAROLINA, UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
RICHMOND, UNIVERSITY OF
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY
WISCONSIN, UNIVERSITY OF

H) GPA: 3.60-3.79 LSAT: 155-159
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIV
NEBRASKA, UNIVERSITY OF
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY
TENNESSEE, UNIVERSITY OF

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

CALIFORNIA-HASTINGS, UNIV OF
CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CINCINNATI, UNIVERSITY OF
DENVER, UNIVERSITY OF
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
FLORIDA, UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
HOUSTON, UNIVERSITY OF
KANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF

KENTUCKY, UNIVERSITY OF
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIV-LA
MARYLAND, UNIVERSITY OF
MISSISSIPPI, UNIVERSITY OF
MISSOURI, UNIVERSITY OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY OF
OKLAHOMA, UNIVERSITY OF
OREGON, UNIVERSITY OF
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
SAN DIEGO, UNIVERSITY OF
SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
TULANE UNIVERSITY
UTAH, UNIVERSITY OF
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

K) GPA: 3.20-3.39 LSAT: 155-159
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY
CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW-IIT
CONNECTICUT, UNIVERSITY OF
DREXEL UNIVERSITY
HAWAII, UNIVERSITY OF
LEWIS AND CLARK COLLEGE
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY-CHICAGO
MIAMI, UNIVERSITY OF
PITTSBURGH, UNIVERSITY OF
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA - LAS VEGAS

L) GPA: 3.40-3.59 LSAT: 150-154
BELMONT UNIVERSITY
DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY
INDIANA UNIVERSITY - INDIANAPOLIS
LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
NEW MEXICO, UNIVERSITY OF
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY
ST. THOMAS, UNIV (MINNESOTA)
UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO-SUNY

M) GPA: 3.20-3.39 LSAT: 150-154
AKRON, UNIVERSITY OF
ALBANY LAW SCHL OF UNION UNIV
ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE, U OF
ARKANSAS, LITTLE ROCK, U OF
BALTIMORE, UNIVERSITY OF
CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY
CONCORDIA LAW SCHOOL
CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY
DRAKE UNIVERSITY
GONZAGA UNIVERSITY
HAMLINE UNIVERSITY
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
LOUISVILLE, UNIVERSITY OF
MAINE, UNIVERSITY OF
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
MEMPHIS, UNIVERSITY OF
MERCER UNIVERSITY
MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY, U OF
MONTANA, UNIVERSITY OF
NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL
PACE UNIVERSITY
REGENT UNIVERSITY
SAMFORD UNIVERSITY
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY
SOUTH CAROLINA, UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL
STETSON UNIVERSITY
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
TOLEDO, UNIVERSITY OF
TULSA, UNIVERSITY OF
VERMONT LAW SCHOOL
WASHBURN UNIVERSITY
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
WILLIAM MITCHELL COLLEGE OF LAW
WYOMING, UNIVERSITY OF

N) GPA: <3.20 LSAT: 150-154
CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHL OF LAW
DETROIT MERCY, UNIVERSITY OF
IDAHO, UNIVERSITY OF
LINCOLN MEMORIAL
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY-NEW ORLEANS
MCGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW
SAN FRANCISCO, UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW
ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

O) GPA: 3.20-3.39 LSAT: <150
INTER AMERICAN UOF PUERTO RICO
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIV
NORTH DAKOTA, UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY
PUERTO RICO, UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH DAKOTA, UNIVERSITY OF
SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY

P) GPA: <3.20 LSAT: <150
APPALACHIAN SCHOOL OF LAW
ARIZONA SUMMIT LAW SCHOOL
ATLANTA'S JOHN MARSHALL LAW
AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW
BARRY UNIVERSITY
CAPITAL UNIVERSITY
CHARLESTON SCHOOL OF LAW
CHARLOTTE SCHOOL OF LAW
DAYTON, UNIVERSITY OF
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ELON UNIVERSITY
FAULKNER UNIVERSITY
FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY
FLORIDA COASTAL SCHOOL OF LAW
GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY
JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
NEW ENGLAND LAW | BOSTON
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY
PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIV OF P.R.
ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS U -CARBONDALE
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY (FLORIDA)
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW
THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL
TOURO COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE
U OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY
WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY
WESTERN STATE COLLEGE OF LAW
WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL
WIDENER UNIVERSITY-DELAWARE
WIDENER-COMMONWEALTH