
APPLICATION MATERIALS

LL.M. PROGRAM

Fall 2010



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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
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1. U.S. social security number (if applicable):

Seeking admission for

Fall 2010

2. LSAC LL.M. Credential Assembly Service Number (if applicable)

3. Male Female

4. Name in full _____
 Last (Family Name) First (Given Name) Middle

5. Home telephone: () _____ Work telephone: () _____

E-mail address: _____ Fax Number: () _____

6. Present mailing address:

Street Address _____

 City State/Province Postal Code _____
 Country _____

Permanent address in home country (if different):		
Street Address _____		

City	State/Province	Postal Code
_____	_____	_____
Country _____		

7. Present address can be used from (dates) _____ to _____

8. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

9. Country of Citizenship: _____ Country of Permanent Residence: _____

If you are a noncitizen residing in the U.S., what is your current visa status? _____ Visa Number (if applicable): _____

Are you a Permanent Resident of the U.S.? _____ Alien Registration Number (if applicable): _____

10. List chronologically all colleges, universities, and graduate and professional schools you have attended:

INSTITUTION	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	DEGREE / EXPECTED DEGREE	FIELD OF STUDY	DATE AWARDED/EXPECTED

Transcripts and academic records enclosed will be sent Was English the language of instruction in any of these schools? Yes No

If yes, which schools _____

11. If you completed a degree with any honors designations (e.g., First Class Honours, cum laude, with distinction, etc.) please indicate that here. You may also indicate honors for individual courses or years of study. _____

12. Is English your native language? Yes No If not, what is your native language? _____

If English is not your native language, Boston College Law School requires the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) as proof of your English proficiency.

TOEFL score(s) _____ Test date(s) _____

13. List all of your employment in law or related fields, and all of your full-time employment in any other fields. Please include a resume for additional positions.

DATES (MM/YY-MM/YY)	EMPLOYER	POSITION	REASON FOR LEAVING

14. Please submit a two-to-three page statement of purpose that describes your experience in legal practice and other law-related activities, your reasons for pursuing the LL.M. degree at Boston College, and how doing so will advance your professional objectives. You may supplement your statement of purpose by including a resume with your application.

15. Please submit a two-to-three page writing sample written in English on a legal topic. If you have written a longer paper or memorandum in English, you may submit the entire document.

16. It is the policy of Boston College Law School to assure fair and equal treatment in the admissions process and not to discriminate because of race; color; gender; age; religion; disability; national origin or ancestry; sexual orientation; and marital, family, or military status. Boston College Law School also prides itself on providing a legal education to those who have overcome significant obstacles in their lives. If there are economic, cultural or social factors that you have overcome that you wish us to consider in evaluating your record, please mark the following box and provide explanatory information on a separate sheet marked Question 16.

17. If your answer to any of the following questions is "yes," please check the box and explain in detail on a separate sheet.
- a. Have you ever been placed on academic warning, academic probation, or conduct probation, or been dismissed or subjected to any disciplinary action from any college, graduate or professional school, law school, or professional licensing agency? Yes No
 - b.
 - 1. Are you currently charged with (note: we are not inquiring about arrests) any violation of law other than minor traffic violations with a fine of less than \$100.00 per violation? Yes No
 - 2. Have you ever been: 1. convicted of a felony and that conviction has not been vacated; 2. sentenced to imprisonment on conviction of any misdemeanor and that conviction has not been vacated; 3. convicted within the last five years of a misdemeanor (other than a first conviction of any of these misdemeanors; drunkenness, simple assault, speeding, minor traffic violations, affray, or disturbance of the peace) and that conviction has not been vacated? Note: Bar examiners may require other information that we are not permitted to seek under Massachusetts statutes. Yes No
 - c. Have you ever been compelled to curtail or discontinue your study or your work for a substantial period? Yes No

I certify that all statements made above and on all attachments to this application are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that this application and all attachments (other than recommendations and official documents) are solely the product of my own efforts. Should there be any change in the information provided, I will notify the Law School within 30 days. I understand that misrepresentation or omission may be the basis for denial of admission or dismissal from Boston College Law School. I enclose my application fee of \$75 payable to Boston College Law School. I understand that the application fee is not refundable and that all application materials become the property of the Law School.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Please tell us how you heard about our program:

- Internet Recruiting Fair Professor or Employer Other _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Eligibility requirements. There is one fixed eligibility requirement: applicants must have either (a) graduated from a U.S. law school that is approved by the American Bar Association, (b) obtained a full degree in law from a non-U.S. university or (c) be admitted to practice law in a country other than the U.S. Apart from this, we seek applicants from a variety of backgrounds and with a variety of legal and career interests. We are most interested in applicants who have completed their prior legal studies with high rank and who intend to return to their home countries to contribute to the legal profession.

Application for Admission. Please complete and sign the application form as indicated. Your complete application is to include:

- ___ Application form
- ___ Resumé or c.v.
- ___ Statement of purpose
- ___ Writing sample
- ___ Two signed letters of recommendation
- ___ Academic records and official transcripts with certified English translations
- ___ TOEFL results (please arrange for an official score report to be sent directly to the LL.M. Office)
- ___ Application fee \$75.

You may choose one of the following methods of submitting transcripts and TOEFL scores:

- Send paper copies
- LSAC Credential Assembly Service. Applicants to the LL.M. program who graduated from law schools outside the U.S. may register with the Law School Admissions Council's (LSAC) LL.M. Credential Assembly Service. This service is designed to save you time and money if you intend to apply to a number of U.S. or Canadian graduate law programs. For a fee, LSAC will collect, authenticate, and process all transcripts and TOEFL scores required by each law school to which you apply. If you use this service, you only have to supply your official transcripts and other educational records one time, to LSAC, no matter how many schools you intend to apply to. The fastest and easiest way to register for this credential assembly service is on-line at www.LLM.LSAC.org. If you are using this service, your application should include the LSAC Credential Assembly Service number.

All materials should be sent to:

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Application Deadline. If you are applying for enrollment for Fall 2010, the application deadline is **March 1, 2010**. We will consider applications received after this date, but only on a space-available basis. We will begin making admissions decisions in January 2010, so we strongly encourage you to submit your application well before the stated deadline. We expect to have made most admissions decisions by April 15, 2010.

Application Fee. A nonrefundable payment of U.S. \$75 must accompany the application; this is not deductible from tuition. The fee may be paid in the form of a postal money order, traveler's checks or check drawn on a bank located in the U.S. All payments should be denominated in U.S. dollars and made payable to Boston College Law School.

Official Transcripts. You must submit original or certified (notarized) copies of official transcripts from all colleges, universities and graduate and professional schools you have attended. These transcripts should show all courses taken, marks earned, and degrees or certifications received from each institution. If the transcripts are not in English you must also include a certified English translation. If you are not using the LSAC Credential Assembly Service, transcripts may be either (a) sent directly by the educational institution to the LL.M. Office, or (b) provided by the educational institution to you in a sealed envelope, then sent to us with your other paper application materials. If you are using the LSAC Credential Assembly Service, transcripts are submitted to the LSAC rather than to us directly.

English Language Skills. Boston College Law School course work and related academic activities require strong English language skills. Students must be able to express themselves fluently in both spoken and written English and must read the language with ease. Consequently, if your native language is not English you must submit your scores on the standardized Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). If you are not using the LSAC Credential Assembly Service, please arrange for an official score report to be sent directly to Boston College Law School as soon as possible. Our TOEFL reporting code is 3083, department code 03. Faxes or photocopies of score reports are not acceptable, nor will

we accept scores that are more than two years old. The following minimum scores on the TOEFL examination are required: (1) 100 using the Internet-based test, (2) 250 using the computer-based test, or (3) 600 using the paper-based test. This exam is administered worldwide. For more information regarding TOEFL, please contact:

Educational Testing Service
P.O. Box 6154
Princeton, NJ 08541
USA
www.toefl.org

Letters of Recommendation. Two letters of recommendation must be submitted from faculty members acquainted with your work in law study or persons for whom you have worked in a professional capacity. Letters from professors who have taught you personally are most useful. Forms for recommendations are provided with the application materials. You can photocopy the forms if necessary. You should ask each recommender to enclose the recommendation form in an envelope, seal the envelope, sign it across the seal, and return it to you to be submitted, unopened, with your other application materials. Alternatively, the recommender may send the letter directly to the LL.M. Office.

Resume or Curriculum Vitae. Please attach a resume or curriculum vitae describing your academic and professional background. Educational information should include schools, dates of attendance, degree(s) awarded, activities and organizations, academic honors, awards, scholarships or fellowships, and any original research including publications. Employment history should include employer, position, nature of work and dates of employment.

Statement of Purpose. This statement of two to three pages seeks information about your experience in legal practice and other law-related activities, and your reasons for pursuing graduate study. This statement should also discuss your professional goals, and how the completion of an LL.M. degree at Boston College Law School could help you achieve your goals.

Writing Sample. Please submit a two-to-three page writing sample, in English, concerning a legal topic (ideally one that interests you). This is designed to give us a sense of how you think about law; it is not intended to create extra work for you. If you have written a longer paper or memorandum in English, you may submit the entire document. If you have not already written on a legal topic in English, you may wish to translate into English something you have written in another language.

Financial Matters. The estimated cost of study for a single student during the 2009-10 academic year is \$56,930. This figure consists of tuition of \$39,590 and estimated living expenses of \$17,340. It does not include the expenses of travel between the student's home country and the Boston area. The comparable figures for the 2010-11 academic year are likely to be higher.

Applicants requiring financial assistance should investigate funding sources in their home countries well in advance. Examples of such sources include employers, government agencies and foundations. The United States embassy or consulate in your home country may have information on U.S. government grants under the Fulbright Program (www.fulbrightonline.org) and other information on fellowship opportunities. A partial list appears on our website at <http://www.bc.edu/schools/law/admission/llmprogram/Applying.html>. In addition, loan funding may be available from organizations such as Sallie Mae (http://www.salliemae.com/international/non_us_students) or Citibank (<https://www.studentloan.com/findstudentloan/index.htm>). If you are not a United States citizen or permanent resident, however, these lenders generally require a United States citizen or permanent resident to guarantee the loan.

Boston College Law School has a limited amount of financial aid available to LL.M. students. A scholarship application form will be sent to admitted applicants upon request. For further information, please contact the LL.M. Office.

Admitted applicants who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States will need to provide evidence that they have sufficient financial resources to meet the cost of study in order to obtain a visa to enter the United States. Information concerning the visa application process will be provided to admitted applicants separately.

Important Note. Your application and all attachments (other than letters of recommendation and official documents) must be solely the product of your own efforts. Boston College Law School reserves the right to deny admission to any applicant, and dismiss any student, who has received external assistance with his or her application.

Further Information. If you have questions about the application form or the application process, please contact the LL.M. Office by email at bcllm@bc.edu, by telephone at (617) 552-1002, or at the above address.



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