APPLICATION MATERIALS

LL.M. PROGRAM

Application for Class of 2021-22

BOSTON COLLEGE
LAW SCHOOL

885 Centre Street
Newton, Massachusetts 02459
U.S.A.
4. Name in full

Last (Family Name)  First (Given Name)  Middle

5. Day telephone:  (          )  Evening telephone:  (          )

E-mail address:  _______________________________________________________________________
Mobile 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:  ___________________________


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:

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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. a. Is English your native language? □ Yes □ No If not, what is your native language? ____________________________

b. Do you speak, read, or write any other languages? If so, indicate which ones and your proficiency in each (basic, intermediate, advanced):

Boston College Law School requires you to submit evidence of your English language ability unless (a) English is your native language, or (b) English was the language of instruction for your entire legal education. We accept the internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL IBT) and the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) in this context. Please indicate your test results here:

TOEFL and/or IELTS 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.

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14. Bar Admission

a. List the states and/or countries, dates and the current status (active/inactive) to practice law.

Country ____________________________
State ____________________________
Admit Date ____________________________
Status ____________________________

b. If you are not a member of the bar in any state/country, when do you plan to sit for a bar examination and in which state/country?

Date ____________________________
Location ____________________________

c. If you are not qualified to practice law, have you completed all of the academic (university level) legal education requirements necessary to take the bar examination?

d. If you have answered “No” to the above question, when do you expect to complete the legal education requirements?

15. Please attach a statement of two to three pages that describes your experience in legal practice and other law-related activities, your reasons for pursuing an LL.M. degree at Boston College, and the legal fields in which you would like to focus your LL.M. studies. This statement should also discuss your professional goals, and how the completion of the LL.M. could help you achieve your goals and your future plans after completing the LLM.

16. Please attach a list of your recommenders and their contact information (name, title, institution, mailing address, email address).

17. 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 17. □
18. 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 that $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

19. How did you hear about us? □ Internet □ Recruiting Fair □ Professor or Employer □ Other __________________________

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 ________________
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Eligibility requirements. 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 from other countries 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. We also welcome applications from experienced U.S. lawyers who may uniquely benefit from advanced work here.

Application for Admission. Your complete application is to include:

- Completed application form
- Resumé or c.v.
- Statement of purpose
- Three signed letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts with certified English translations
- TOEFL or IELTS results
- Application fee $75.

Which application to use. There are two possible ways to apply to the LL.M. program: electronically through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) web site, www.lsac.org, or on paper. We encourage you to submit your application through LSAC.

If you use the e-app, you must also use the LSAC LL.M. Credential Assembly Service, including the International Transcript Authentication and Evaluation Feature. NOTE: the LSAC charges applicants for this service, plus $30 for each school to which you wish to send an application. These charges are in addition to Boston College Law School’s $75 application fee.

The instructions below apply only to applications submitted in paper form. Comparable instructions for submission of an e-app are available at the LSAC web site.

Application Deadline. If you are applying for enrollment for Fall 2021, the application deadline is April 15, 2021. We will consider applications received after this date, but only on a space-available basis. We strongly encourage you to submit your application well before the stated deadline. We expect to have made most admissions decisions by May 15, 2021.

All materials should be emailed to bcllm@bc.edu and sent to:

Office of Graduate Legal Education and International Programs
Boston College Law School
885 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02459
U.S.A.

Application Fee. A nonrefundable payment of U.S. $75 must accompany the application; this is not deductible from tuition. The fee may be paid by Peertransfer (https://www.peertransfer.com), 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. If none of these forms of payment is available to you, please contact the LL.M. Office.

Official Transcripts. You must submit original or certified 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. Transcripts may be either (a) sent directly by the educational institution to the Office, or (b) provided by the educational institution to you in a sealed envelope, then sent to us with your other paper application materials.

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, you must submit evidence of your English language ability unless either (a) English is your native language, or (b) English was the language of instruction for your entire legal education. We accept the following tests as evidence of your English ability:
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). You must achieve a score of at least 100 using the Internet-based test (IBT). For more information regarding TOEFL, please visit www.toefl.org. Our TOEFL score reporting code is 3083, department code 03.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS). You must achieve an Overall Band Score of at least 7. For more information regarding IELTS, please visit www.ielts.org. For IELTS score reporting, please contact the test center where you took the exam and request that your official test scores be sent directly to Boston College Law School. An institutional code is NOT required.

Please arrange for an official score report of the test you have taken to be sent directly to Boston College Law School as soon as possible. Faxes or photocopies of score reports are not acceptable, nor will we accept scores that are more than two years old.

Letters of Recommendation. Three 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 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, your reasons for pursuing an LL.M. degree at Boston College, and the legal fields in which you would like to focus your LL.M. studies. This statement should also discuss your professional goals, and how the completion of the LL.M. could help you achieve your goals.

Financial Matters. 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.fullbrightonline.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.* 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. Loan funding may also be available from private sponsoring organizations in other countries.

Boston College Law School has a limited amount of financial aid available to LL.M. students. The scholarship application form is available for download from our web site, and may be submitted either with your application for admission or after you receive an offer of admission. We review your application for admission without regard to your financial situation, so submitting a scholarship application will have no effect on whether or not we offer you admission to the LL.M. program. 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.

*Bhttps://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/international
RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant: Type or print this section. Then give this form and a self-addressed letter-size envelope to the person whom you have asked to recommend you. When that person returns the sealed envelope to you, include it with your other application materials.

Applicant’s Name: ____________________________________________

last (family) first (given) middle

U.S. Social Security Number (if any): ____________________________

Date of Birth (month/day/year)

By signing below, you authorize the recommender to provide all applicable evaluations and information to Boston College Law School. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you may waive your right to inspect this recommendation by checking the box marked “waiver” below.

☐ Waiver: I hereby waive my right of access to this recommendation.

☐ Nonwaiver: I do not waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation.

Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ____________________

Recommender: Boston College seeks applicants whose preparation, intellectual capacity, and maturity will best enable them to benefit from our rigorous program. Thus, we appreciate any thoughts you would like to offer on the applicant’s suitability for advanced legal studies, as well as his or her promise of professional success. It is helpful to us if you indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant, and comment on the applicant’s limitations as well as merits. If you are acquainted with the applicant’s English language ability (speaking, reading and writing), we would be grateful for your assessment of this as well.

Please write candidly about the applicant on the other side of this form, or attach a separate letter. Your recommendation will not be available for inspection by the applicant on whose behalf you are writing if the applicant indicates, by checking the box marked “waiver” above, that he or she waives the right to see your letter. Letters of recommendation not accompanied by this form will be presumed to be available to the applicant.

Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ____________________

Name (Print): ____________________________________________ Title: __________________

Institution: ____________________________________________

Name Address

Please enclose the completed recommendation in a sealed envelope and sign it across the seal. Return the signed, sealed envelope to the applicant. If you do not want to return the recommendation to the applicant, you may send it directly to the Office of Graduate Legal Education and International Programs, Boston College Law School, 885 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02459, U.S.A.