503 ALTERNATIVE ADMISSIONS PROGRAM FOR UA STUDENTS
(Application with a Non-LSAT Standardized Test)

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Fall 2016

This is one of three application programs available to students enrolled at The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa). The other two application programs are the Alabama Scholars Admissions Program and the regular application process. To determine which program is best for you, please visit the Law School website at www.law.ua.edu/admissions/application or call the Law School Admissions Office.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Senior in good standing at The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) having completed at least six semesters of academic work
- Current overall University of Alabama undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.80
- ACT composite score or SAT mathematics and critical reading total score at or above the 85th percentile for the administration of the exam taken by the applicant
- Completed 503 Alternative Admissions Program application, including signed Authorization to Access Records

Application Procedures:
An applicant must submit the following directly to the Law School:
1. A dated and signed 503 Alternative Admissions Program Application Form (attached)
2. Current résumé with any information you wish for the Law School to consider
3. A completed Authorization to Access Records Form (attached as part of the application form)

Decision Timeline:
The Law School will make admissions decisions under this Program in waves. The first wave of decisions were communicated on January 6, 2016. The second wave of decisions will be communicated on February 29, 2016. To be eligible for that second wave, please submit your application to the Law School Admissions Office no later than February 24, 2016 at 12:00 noon. After March 1, 2016, the Law School will post on this website the timing of any additional waves of decisions under this program.

Please Note:
Admission under the 503 Alternative Admissions Program is governed by the American Bar Association’s Standard 503 and Interpretation 503-3. An important element of ABA Standard 503 and Interpretation 503-3 is a limit on the number of students the Law School may enroll without consideration of an LSAT score. The limit is 10 percent of the previous year’s entering class. Therefore, in the Fall 2016 admissions cycle, the number of acceptances and active offers may not exceed 10 percent of last year’s entering class, or a total of 15. For this reason, the Law School will make admissions decisions under this Program on a monthly basis, beginning on January 6, 2016, to fill the 15 openings.

The Law School hopes to continue this Program for the first-year class entering in Fall 2017 and beyond, but is subject to ABA regulations. The ABA may revise or discontinue Interpretation 503-3, therefore the criteria as posted on the application and website apply only to applicants for the first-year class beginning in Fall 2016.

Although the LSAT is not required to apply through the 503 Alternative Admissions Program, a score may be necessary for an applicant to apply to another law school as an incoming first-year student or to apply to transfer to another law school after the first year.
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Special Requirements Upon Admission:
In addition to the standard enrollment requirements, which are contained in admission letters to all admitted students, a student admitted to the Law School through the 503 Alternative Admissions Program must, within 60 days of admission, accomplish the following:

• Create an account with the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) at www.lsac.org.
• Send all transcripts from all universities and colleges attended, including international institutions, to the LSAC.
• If the admitted student has taken the LSAT or will take the LSAT prior to law school enrollment, he or she must register for the LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service (“CAS”) and send a CAS report to the Law School.
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APPLICATION FORM
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I. Applicant Information

Name (Last, First, Middle): _______________________________________________________________________

Preferred Name: ___________________________  CWID: ____________________________________________

Permanent Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________________

Cell Phone: ________________________________  Home Phone: ________________________________

E-mail: _____________________________________  LSAC Number: _______________________________

Overall UA GPA: ____________________________  Highest ACT/SAT Score: _____________________

Are you a senior in good standing at The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) having completed at least six semesters of academic work? __________________

For this Program, you do not need to take the LSAT. However, if you have taken the LSAT, the Law School may consider your score in making its decision. Please list all dates, if any, on which you have taken or plan to take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and all scores, if any. ___________________________________________________
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II. Summer Academic Support and Excellence Program

The Law School may offer a Summer Academic Support and Excellence program for a select number of incoming first-year J.D. students. For more information, please see our website. If you are interested in participating in the summer program, please indicate your interest here:  □ Yes  □ No

III. Authorization to Access Records

I am applying to The University of Alabama School of Law under the 503 Alternative Admissions Program. I hereby authorize The University of Alabama School of Law to access all my records within The University of Alabama data system.

Signature: ___________________________________________  Date: ________________________________

Print Name: ___________________________________________
IV. Code of Conduct

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

State bar associations ask questions similar to these below in assessing character and fitness to practice law. Failure to disclose information requested may result in adverse action by the law school or a state bar association. If you answer “yes” to any question, you must submit an additional statement providing complete and accurate details, including dates and resolution.

CONTINUING DUTY TO DISCLOSE: If, following your completion of the law school application or this form, circumstances arise that would require you to answer “yes” to any question, you must submit an amendment to this application as soon as reasonably possible. Also, according to the Law School Student Handbook, the obligation to disclose any of the following information continues throughout law school and includes events occurring after enrollment.

A. Have you ever been arrested, charged with, or convicted of a crime, including misdemeanors and traffic violations, or is any such charge pending or expected to be brought against you? Do not include parking violations and speeding citations of 20 mph or less over the limit or records that have been sealed or expunged.

□ Yes □ No If yes, please provide an explanation.

B. Have you ever been disciplined by any college, university, graduate school, professional school, or other institution of higher learning, or is any such disciplinary action pending or expected to be brought against you?

□ Yes □ No If yes, please provide an explanation.

C. Have you ever been discharged or resigned from any employment, externship, internship or volunteer position after you were told you were suspected of or being investigated for any wrongdoing?

□ Yes □ No If yes, please provide an explanation.

D. Have you ever been disciplined by any profession, professional organization, or licensing board, or is any such disciplinary action pending or expected to be brought against you?

□ Yes □ No If yes, please provide an explanation.

V. Certification

By submitting this application, I certify and agree to the following:

• The information given in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge;
• I understand that false or misleading information may result in revocation of an offer of admission or other disciplinary action;
• I will promptly inform the School of Law if there is any change to any of the facts and responses to my application, including new “Code of Conduct” matters that occur during the application process or after admission and matriculation;
• The University may obtain additional information from other sources pertinent to my record prior to attending the University;
• The University may pursue a background check on me to confirm the accuracy of my application, and I will cooperate with the University in performing any such check;
• The University may release to an appropriate bar association any information pertinent to my character and fitness.

Signature:______________________________________  Date:_________________________________