

503 ALTERNATIVE ADMISSIONS PROGRAM FOR UA STUDENTS
(Application with a Non-LSAT Standardized Test)
PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Fall 2017

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/apply or call the Law School Admissions Office.

Eligibility Requirements for Applicants for Fall 2017 Incoming Class:

- December 2016 or May 2017 graduate in good standing at The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) having completed at least six semesters (fall and spring semesters) of academic work at The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) and applying for admission for Fall 2017
- 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 December 19, 2016. The second wave of decisions were communicated on January 25, 2017. The third wave of decisions will be communicated on June 7, 2017. To be eligible for that third wave, please submit your application to the Law School Admissions Office no later than June 5, 2017 at 12:00 noon. Additional waves of decisions, if any, will take place thereafter until the program reaches the cap of 13 admittees, as explained below.

Limits on this Special Admissions Program:

Admission under the 503 Alternative Admissions Program is governed by the American Bar Association's Standard 503 and Interpretation 503-3. This is a temporary program subject to ABA terms and conditions. One condition is that the ABA limits the number of students that a law school may enroll without considering an LSAT score. This limit is 10 percent of the previous year's entering class. For the Fall 2017 admissions cycle, the ABA's 10-percent rule requires that UA not exceed 13 acceptances and active offers under the Alternative Admissions Program at any given time.

Please Note:

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 December 2016 or May 2017 graduate in good standing at The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) having completed at least six semesters (fall and spring semesters) of academic work at The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) and applying for admission for Fall 2017? _____

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. _____

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. Disciplinary or Criminal History

University and School of Law Community Interests. The University of Alabama has a vital interest in the safety of its campus and character of its students. The School of Law shares this interest, and, as a professional school, has a heightened concern for the behavior, honesty and integrity of its students. Therefore, officials of the School of Law will deny admission to any applicant whom they deem to be detrimental to these interests. To assist in that consideration, the School of Law requires applicants to provide certain information about their disciplinary or criminal history. **A criminal or disciplinary history is not an automatic bar to admission.** Any admission decision relating to a criminal or disciplinary disclosure is made on a case-by-case basis considering the entirety of the file.

Qualifications for Bar Admission. 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. As part of their character and fitness review, state bar associations ask questions about prior conduct, including disciplinary and criminal conduct. The questions on this application to the School of Law are not necessarily identical to those of any state bar association. For example, state bar questions typically are more exhaustive and cover more types of conduct, such as arrests. **Admission to the School of Law does not guarantee that an applicant will satisfy the character and fitness review and other qualifications of any state bar.**

Conduct Questions. If you answer yes to any of the following questions, please attach an additional statement providing complete details, including the dates, circumstances, and resolution. Please also include any information describing how you believe you can positively contribute to the campus community despite any prior issue(s) disclosed below (e.g. evidence of rehabilitation, community service, etc.)

In answering the questions below, “convicted” means a judge or jury has found you guilty of the crime(s) charged against you in a court of law, following a trial or guilty plea. If your conviction has been sealed, expunged, or overturned, you do not have to disclose the conviction associated with that situation.

A. Have you ever been placed on probation, suspended, dismissed, removed, or expelled from any college, university, or other postsecondary institution?

Yes No

B. Have you ever been convicted of any felony?

Yes No

C. Have you ever been convicted of an offense involving physical harm to another person or animal?

Yes No

D. Have you ever been convicted of a sexual offense?

Yes No

E. Have you ever been convicted of stalking or have you ever received a restraining order, protective order or similar directive to avoid or to limit contact with a group or individual?

Yes No

F. Are you currently the subject of any pending disciplinary action by any academic institution or subject to pending charges or an indictment for any of the offenses listed above?

Yes No

Appeal. The School of Law will notify an applicant if he or she is denied admission based solely on the conduct questions above. In that particular case, the applicant may appeal the denial by providing a written statement of appeal to the School of Law within seven calendar days from when the denial was received. The appeal statement should be directed to the Associate Dean of Admissions at the School of Law.

V. Certification

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

- The information contained herein is true, correct, and complete, and false, incomplete or misleading information may result in the revocation of an offer of admission or in other disciplinary action;
- The University may obtain additional information from others 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;
- I will promptly inform the University if there is a change to any of the responses in this application, including any changes to the information regarding my disciplinary and criminal history, whether the incidents occur before or during the application process or after admission and matriculation.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The University of Alabama School of Law is an equal opportunity institution.