



# RESEARCHING LAW SCHOOLS

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## Some CRITERIA to consider when researching law schools:

(It is important to use criteria important to you in selecting which schools to apply to. The list below is not intended to be exhaustive.)

- Probability of admission
- Financial costs
- Geographic location
- Academic programs/specializations
- Clinic programs
- Moot Court opportunities
- Student organizations
- Accreditation
- Size of the career services office
- Class size
- Faculty
- Written publications
- Study abroad programs
- Library/building facilities
- Reputation
- Bar pass rate
- Employment opportunities for graduates
- Number of legal employers that visit campus

**Most KU applicants apply to an average of six law schools. Most importantly, make sure you apply to a good range of law schools (those in your safe, target, and reach ranges).**

**The best indicators you have to gauge your probability of admission are your LSAT score and cumulative GPA; however, law schools will consider other factors.**

## RESOURCES

**2015 Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools**- [https://officialguide.lsac.org/release/OfficialGuide\\_Default.aspx](https://officialguide.lsac.org/release/OfficialGuide_Default.aspx)  
This is a helpful resource in providing basic information about law schools. You can search for any ABA-accredited law school. Once selected, two links will be available: ABA Law School Data (which includes various statistical data) and Law School Description (which will provide description of programs and may include Applicant Pool Data. **Applicant Pool Data** will show you the number of applicants with particular LSAT scores and GPA ranges and the number admitted with those scores.)

**Boston College Law School Locator** - <http://www.bc.edu/offices/careers/gradschool/law/lawlocator/>  
The Boston College Law School Locator lists the 25th to 75th percentile LSAT scores and GPA ranges of first year classes at accredited law schools. Half of a law school's entering class scored in the range indicated. The Locator can help you identify schools where your scores and grades are most competitive for admission and help you gauge your chance of admission at a particular school.

**The 2013-2014 Pre-Law Advising Book of Law School Lists** - [http://www.bu.edu/cas/files/2014/02/2013-NAPLA\\_SAPLA-Book-of-Law-School-Lists-1.pdf](http://www.bu.edu/cas/files/2014/02/2013-NAPLA_SAPLA-Book-of-Law-School-Lists-1.pdf). This book includes listings of academic programs, clinical programs, student organizations, scholarships, law school attrition rates, bar passage rates and other information.

**Jayhawks in Law School Program** – KU alumni who are attending (or have recently graduated from) various law schools across the United States volunteer to answer questions from KU pre-law students about their law schools. Contact the Pre-Law Office for volunteer contact information.

**Law School Visits** – Contact the Admissions Offices at any law schools you're considering to schedule a tour of the school, observation of a class, and meet faculty and students.

**KU Pre-Law Day 2014**  
**Wednesday, September 3, 2014**  
**Ballroom, KS Union – 1:00 – 4:00pm**

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