



# Application for Admission - Fall 2010

Deadline for Submitting Application: March 1, 2010

12. What other law schools have you applied to?

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## Program Information

13. Have you applied to this law school at any prior date?  No  Yes

Term(s): \_\_\_\_\_

14. Are you an applicant for a joint degree program?  No  Yes

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| <input type="checkbox"/> JD/Master of Social Work (MSW)  | <input type="checkbox"/> JD/Master of Business Administration (MBA)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JD/Master of Public Health (MPH)  | <input type="checkbox"/> JD/Master of Public Administration (MPA)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JD/Master of Regional Planning (MRP)  | <input type="checkbox"/> JD/Master of Arts in Mass Communication (MAMC)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JD/Master of Arts in Sports Administration (MASA)   | <input type="checkbox"/> JD/Master of Public Policy (MPP at Duke University) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JD/Master of Science in Library Science or Master of Science in Information Science (MSLS) (MSIS) |  |

15. List all dates you have taken, or plan to take, the Law School Admission Test:(MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

Score(s): \_\_\_\_\_

16. Indicate the date by which you registered or plan to register with the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) and request(ed) all required transcripts to be sent to the LSDAS (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

## Conduct, Character, and Fitness (Please Read Carefully)

You are applying to UNC School of Law and other law schools with the likely goal of becoming licensed to practice law in some state after graduation. When a law school graduate applies to take a bar examination in any state, the bar examiners of that state ask the applicant's law school to provide an evaluation of the student's character and fitness to practice law. Most states are interested in character and fitness issues that include, but by no means are limited to, prior criminal conduct. Typically, state bar examiners compare a student's answers to conduct questions on the applicant's law school application to information provided by the student on the student's bar application when assessing the applicant's character and fitness to practice law. We recommend that, as soon as you know the state in which you intend to practice, you contact that state's Board of Bar Examiners to determine its requirements. The Board of Bar Examiners of a particular state might ask you for information on an application to sit for its bar exam that is not asked for in an application for law school admission. This may include criminal records that have been sealed or expunged by order of a court.

In any state, the act of voluntary, open disclosure is central to the determination of character and fitness to practice law. Because of the high ethical standards to which lawyers are held, failing to disclose an act or event is often more significant, and leads to more serious consequences, than the act or event itself. Similarly, in applying to Carolina Law, we encourage open disclosure of any matters that might bear on an assessment of your character and fitness to practice law. Thus, as part of the admissions process, all applicants to Carolina Law are required to answer the questions below as accurately and completely as possible. If the School of Law determines that your answers are incomplete or inaccurate, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be sent to the Admissions Committee for review until it is complete. When completing this application for admission, all applicants are required to disclose the details and results of any criminal charges (except for minor traffic violations). Even if charges were dismissed, or a conviction reversed, set aside, or vacated, the matters must be disclosed to the School of Law. Contrary advice by legal counsel does not exempt an applicant from this requirement. Juvenile records that have been sealed or expunged by order of a court need not be disclosed on this application.

Your answers to the questions are confidential, except as may be required by Bar Examiner disclosure, a court order, or other legal process. All applicants are under a continuing obligation to notify the Office of Admissions of any changes in their applications up until the time of enrollment, and to notify the Assistant Dean for Student Services of any changes in their answers to these questions after enrollment. As part of the Honor Code for the University of North Carolina, a student who is found to have falsified or withheld information from answers to an admissions application is subject to disciplinary action, including possible dismissal from the School of Law. If you answer yes to any of the following questions, include a statement providing dates and a complete explanation and description of the circumstances and resolution of each incident.

17. Have you ever been expelled, dismissed, suspended, placed on probation, or otherwise subject to any disciplinary sanction by any high school, college, university, graduate or professional school?  Yes  No

18. Have you ever received a citation for, been arrested for, charged with, convicted of, or pled guilty, no contest, nolo contendere, entered an Alford plea, or otherwise accepted responsibility for a crime, or have you received a deferred prosecution or prayer for judgment continued, for any criminal charge other than a minor traffic violation? This would include any charges of driving under the influence or any other drug or alcohol related offenses. (Juvenile records that have been sealed or expunged need not be disclosed.)  Yes  No

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19. Are there any criminal charges pending against you or are you presently under investigation for a crime of any kind? (This includes any charges of driving under the influence or other drug or alcohol related charges)  Yes  No
20. Have you ever been involuntarily separated from a job, internship, externship, or as a volunteer for a nonprofit organization, as a result of an accusation that involved dishonesty or moral turpitude?  Yes  No
21. Have you ever been sued for a non-criminal act that was alleged to have been intentional?  Yes  No
22. Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action by a professional association or state licensing board, or had a professional license suspended or revoked?  Yes  No
23. Please address any other incident involving questions of your character that are not covered by the above questions.

### Educational Background and Work Experience

24. List, in order of attendance, all colleges, universities, and graduate and professional schools you have attended. Please indicate the city and state in which the school is located. If you have ever registered at any law school, on a separate page or electronic attachment, please explain your reasons for discontinuing.

School/City/State	College Code	Dates of Attendance MM/YY-MM/YY	Degree and Date Awarded MM/YY	Major

25. If you have lived or studied abroad, please indicate location(s). List all languages (other than English) that you can speak or write along with your level of proficiency in each:

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26. Have you ever served in the military/armed forces?  Yes  No
27. If you have ever served in the military, did you receive any type of discharge other than an honorable discharge?  Yes  No  
*(If yes, please attach a statement or use an electronic attachment to explain.)*
28. Has there been a period of six months or more where your post secondary education was interrupted and you were not enrolled?  Yes  No  
*(If so, please let us know how you spent that time. You may use an electronic attachment.)*
29. **Please include a resume of your academic, employment, community service, leadership and professional activities, accomplishments and awards. (If applying electronically, use an electronic attachment.)**

### Parental Information

- Are either of your parents graduates of the UNC School of Law or North Carolina Central University School of Law?  Yes  No
30. List your relatives, including parents, who attended UNC-Chapel Hill.

Relationship	Dates Attended MM/YY-MM/YY	Degree	Name	Address

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## Recommenders

31. Provide the following information about your proposed recommenders.

1. Name	Title	Affiliation
2. Name	Title	Affiliation
(Optional) Name	Title	Affiliation

*Although we require two letters of recommendation, we will accept an optional third letter. We prefer that recommenders submit their letters through the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS), but will accept school specific letters directly, if the recommendation is particularly relevant to our institution or from our alumni.*

## Personal Statements

32. These personal statement questions allow you the opportunity to present yourself as an actual person and not just the sum of numbers or what you're able to write on a resume. The answers to these questions allow the admissions committee to gain insight into who you are as an individual applicant and thus add more breadth to the experiences and viewpoints of our incoming classes. It is this breadth of viewpoints which greatly enhances the educational environment of the first year classes and ultimately that of the UNC School of Law. Your answers should speak to any personal experiences, characteristics, and life circumstances that have informed or shaped your perspectives.

All applicants are required to answer Topic One and Topic Two. Topics Three and Four are optional. The expected total length of the answers to the required questions is 3-4 pages. The expected total length of the answers to the optional questions is 1-2 pages. You may submit separate essays for your chosen topics or include topics in one submission. If applying electronically, use electronic attachments.

### Topic One

The legal profession plays a vital role in the pursuit of justice and in sustaining the institutions of society, including governments, private corporations and organizations, nonprofit organizations, families and individuals. Please write a statement discussing why you want to become a member of the legal profession and why you think you are prepared for the ethical, professional, and time demands of the profession.

### Topic Two

What is your reason for choosing the University of North Carolina School of Law? How does the institution meet your educational and/or your professional goals?

### Topic Three

The University of North Carolina School of Law seeks to enroll a wide variety of students (including individuals from groups underrepresented in the legal profession as well as those who have experienced economic, social, or educational disadvantages because of their personal circumstances or characteristics). We find that a breadth of experiences and viewpoints enriches the educational environment for everyone. Please write a statement discussing what you might contribute to the diversity of experiences and viewpoints of the student body.

### Topic Four

The School of Law is committed to a full evaluation of your credentials. Please set forth any circumstances you believe may have negatively affected your cumulative undergraduate grade point average, your performance on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), and/or your participation in service or extracurricular activities.

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## The Honor System

It is required that you read about the UNC Honor System and sign your name in the space indicated below.

Under the University's system of self governance, every student carries the responsibility to obey and to enforce the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance (Honor Code), which prohibits lying, cheating or stealing when those actions involve academic processes or University, student or academic personnel acting in an official capacity; and which further prohibits conducting oneself in a manner which impairs significantly the welfare or the educational opportunities of others in the University community.

I certify that the information I have provided is true and complete and that I will uphold the Honor System; that I will notify the Office of Admissions by letter immediately if, after submission of this application and prior to enrollment, there is any change in the information that I have provided in this application; that I will notify the Assistant Dean for Student Services by letter immediately if at any time after enrollment, there is any change in the information asked on this application; that I am the author of the statements or additional information included with this application; and that I understand the statements made herein are the basis upon which my application will be decided.

I understand that falsifying or withholding information in this application violates the policies of the School of Law. A violation of this policy constitutes grounds for immediate withdrawal of my application from further admission consideration or cancellation of my offer of admission or dismissal from the School of Law during my tenure as a law student. In the event that I fail to update this information by letter to the Assistant Dean for Student Services subsequent to my matriculation, I understand that I will be subject to an Honor Code proceeding, suspension, and/or immediate dismissal from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Please sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: If you elect to submit this application electronically rather than mailing it, you must sign the Certification Letter, instead of the application, enclose the fee, and send the letter directly to the School of Law.*

*The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is committed to equality of educational opportunity and does not discriminate against applicants, students, or employees based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, or sexual orientation. Any complaints alleging failure of this institution to follow this policy should be brought to the attention of the Assistant to the Chancellor. Moreover, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is open to people of all races and actively seeks to promote racial integration by recruiting and enrolling a larger number of African American, Native American, and other minority students.*

*Note: Most jurisdictions have standards of character and fitness to practice law which must be satisfied by candidates applying for admission to the bar. It is incumbent on any candidate with a record of criminal conviction, therefore, to investigate this in regard to any jurisdiction where he or she contemplates admission.*