Pre-Law Timeline

FRESHMAN CHECKLIST
✓ Meet with your academic advisor and your pre-law advisor.
✓ Begin basic courses.
✓ Join the pre-law club and/or other organizations.
✓ Take study skills classes.
✓ Subscribe to and read journals and/or news magazines.
✓ Seek volunteer experience (and continue throughout undergraduate years).

SOPHOMORE CHECKLIST
✓ Choose a major (if you haven’t already done so).
✓ Begin to form relationships w/ professors.
✓ Explore career options; write resume.
✓ Seek internships or research experience.
✓ Become involved in campus/community activities (and continue throughout undergraduate years).
✓ Start researching schools – a good way to begin is on the web: www.lsas.org

JUNIOR CHECKLIST
✓ Meet with pre-law advisor to assess your preparation and discuss the application process.
✓ Attend law school fairs held at UNR and San Francisco.
✓ Reality check - What are your chances? GPA_____ LSAT_____ Activities____
✓ Consider taking valuable electives: Computer classes_____ Philosophy____
  Communication_____ Statistics_____ Ethics_____ Economics____
✓ Visit as many of the law schools to which you plan to apply as possible.
✓ Pick up LSAT/LSDAS Information booklet
✓ LSAT-sign-up, study, take exam in February or June.
✓ At the end of the school year and over the summer start working on your personal statement.
✓ Attend appropriate workshops to help with application process.
SENIOR CHECKLIST

✓ Late summer or early fall sign up for LSDAS and send transcripts
✓ Request catalogues, application materials, and financial aid information.
✓ Ask people to write letters of recommendation.
✓ Retake the LSAT if necessary.
✓ Check out your graduation requirements.
✓ Send out all applications by late November.
✓ Make sure your LSDAS report is accurate.
✓ Early Spring semester - contact all schools to which you have applied to check on the status of your file.
✓ Send appropriate people thank-you notes and inform them of your success or future plans.

Websites!

http://www.LSAC.org
http://www.ilrg.com/
http://www.nalp.org
http://www.abanet.org/legaled

MISCELLANEOUS CHECKLIST

✓ Extra-curricular activities - law schools like to see people who are interested and involved in their campus and local communities.
✓ Be informed about the world in which you live - start reading publications such as Newsweek, U.S. News & World Report, Scientific American, and newspapers.
✓ Conduct research with faculty on campus.
✓ Look for and apply for scholarships, awards, and honors.
✓ Consider leadership positions in organizations in which you are involved.
✓ *Stop by our office and let us know where you are going to law school!*

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