Law School Spotlight

Second week: **Georgetown University Law Center (Private)**

* Number of Applicants: 10,000+
  + More than any other law school
* Acceptance Rate: 26.01%
* Class Size: 582
* LSAT: 75th Percentile: 168

50th Percentile: 167

25th Percentile: 161

* GPA: 75th Percentile: 3.89

50th Percentile: 3.79

25th Percentile: 3.52

* Tuition: $62,244
* How Files are Evaluated
  + Not just a numbers game
  + Does not use numerical cutoffs
  + Focus on
    - Personal statement
    - Letter of rec
    - Extracurriculars/ Volunteer work
    - Graduate work
    - Professional experience
* Application Fee
  + $85
  + Fee Waiver
    - Merit-based
    - Need-based
    - Veterans, Peace Corps volunteers etc.
    - Must apply fee waiver before submitting application
    - Applicants who received a fee waiver in previous cycle are not eligible for a fee waiver during following application cycle
* Application timeline
  + Early Decision
    - Pros: Given priority review

Decision given in 3 weeks (If app is complete by Feb. 1st)

* + - Con: Binding

Do not get financial aid information until after admissions decision

If you do not get in through Early Decision you are not re-reviewed as a regular applicant

* + - App available: September 15
    - App deadline: March 1
  + Regular Decision
    - App available: September 15
    - App deadline: March 1 (Recommended deadline)
* Scholars Programs
  + Have to be admitted as a first time J.D. to participate
    - I called and asked…This simply means that it is your first time applying to Georgetown Law
  + Public Interest Law Scholars
  + Global Law Scholars
  + Technology Law & Policy Scholars
  + Business Law Scholars
* Resumé
  + Work experience
  + Extracurricular
  + Volunteer activities
  + Academic institutions attended
  + Academic honors/awards
  + No page limit (2 pages is recommended)
* Letter of Recommendation
  + Required 1
  + No stated limit
  + Recommended to have one from professor to speak on academic work
* Required Standardized Tests
  + \*\*\*Only 1 of the following is required\*\*\*
  + LSAT
  + GRE
  + GMAT
* Optional Documents
  + Diversity statement
    - Help Admissions Committee understand the contribution your personal background would make to their community
  + Optional Response
    - 250 words
    - Answer one of the following questions:
      * What is the most important thing you have changed your mind about?
      * Give us your top ten list
      * “Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.” Describe your most interesting mistake.
      * Fill a 5.5” by 2.5” box any way you would like
      * Prepare a one-minute video. Upload it to an easily accessible website and provide us with the URL copied and pasted into a word document. What you do or say is up to you.
* Scholarships
  + Have a better chance of getting a scholarship in your 2nd and 3rd year if you are in a scholar program
  + General Merit
  + Scholarship donors
* Clinics
  + For 50 years has operated the largest and most highly regarded in-house clinical program in the nation
  + Offer 17 different clinics
* Externships
  + Gain real-world experience in D.C.
* Simulations
  + Step into the role of a lawyer in a hypothetical scenario
  + Cover a wide range of skills:
    - Negotiation
    - Mediation
    - Trial skills
    - Interviewing
    - Client counseling
    - Applied legal writing
    - International arbitration
    - Problem solving
    - Teambuilding
    - Presentation skills
    - Oral advocacy
* Peer advisor
  + During the summer before your first year a peer advisor will reach out to you to help answer any questions
  + There will be events throughout the year with your peer advisor and the other 1L students they advise
* Contacts
  + J.D. Admissions email
    - [lawadmis@georgetown.edu](mailto:lawadmis@georgetown.edu)
  + (202)-662-9000