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
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