

## Vermont Law School • 2009 • Transfer Application

Thank you for your interest in Vermont Law School.

There is no application deadline for transfer applications. Applications may be submitted at any time during the academic year, but will be reviewed after grades for the first year of coursework have been received.

The following items are required to complete your application.

- Completed application form
- \$60 application fee
- Professional resume or curriculum vitae
- Three essays as described on page 4 of the application
- Current LSDAS report from LSAC
- Two letters of recommendation – one must be from a law school professor
- Law school letter of good standing
- Law school transcript with fall and spring semester grades
- Law school class rank for the first year

Please refer to the Vermont Law School website for complete program descriptions and application information to each of the dual degree programs. Admission to the JD or Joint JD/MSEL degree programs does not ensure admission to a dual degree program.

Credits received at other law schools transfer at the discretion of the VLS Registrar.

We encourage you to contact the Admissions Office if you have any questions.

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## Entering Term

- Spring 2009  
 Summer 2009  
 Fall 2009

**Optional JD Dual Degree Interest** (Please refer to the VLS website for program descriptions and admission requirements for the dual degree programs. Admission to the JD or Joint JD/MSEL degree programs does not ensure admission to a dual degree program.)

- JD/MEM with Yale University  
 JD/Phil with University of Cambridge, England  
 JD/LLM with University of Seville, Spain  
 JD/French Masters II with University of Cergy Pontoise, France  
 JD/MBA, MA or MS with Thunderbird School of Global Management

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## Applicant Information

LSAC account number: L _____		Have you applied for entrance to Vermont Law School in any previous year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Year _____
U.S. Social Security/SIN# (used for identification purposes)		<input type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>Legal Name</b>	Last name	First name	Middle name		
Name you prefer to be called		Gender			
<b>Current mailing address in full</b> (good until mo./day/yr.: _____ )			<b>Permanent mailing address in full</b>		
No. and street		No. and street			
City		City			
State		State			
Zip Code	Country	Zip Code	Country		
<b>Current telephone no.</b> (include area code)		<b>Permanent telephone no.</b> (include area code)			
<b>Current fax no.</b> (include area code)		<b>Permanent fax no.</b> (include area code)			
<b>Current Email address</b> <i>(It is critical that we have your current email address as this will be our primary means of communicating with you regarding your application.)</i>			<b>Permanent Email address</b>		
Age	Date of birth (mo./day/yr.)		Place of birth: City State Country		
What is your first language?	Are you a Resident Alien?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Country of citizenship</b>	If born outside the country, when did you enter the United States?	

Vermont Law School collects data on racial background required for various surveys used for institutional comparisons. While a candidate is **not required** to answer this question, your assistance in providing the information below will be most appreciated. You may check as many boxes as accurately apply to your background.

- American Indian/Alaskan Native: Tribal Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  Asian/Pacific Islander  Black/African American  Caucasian/White  Hispanic  
 Mexican American  Puerto Rican  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Educational Background

List the colleges, universities, and/or law schools you have attended since high school graduation. Place an "X" in the box before the name of the institution you are now attending or most recently attended.

<input type="checkbox"/> Institution	Dates	Location	Credits or degree earned	Major
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## Standardized Tests

All JD applicants must provide LSAT scores. All foreign applicants who have not lived or studied in an English speaking country for at least two years must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores.

LSAT Test Date	Score

IELTS or TOEFL Test Date	Score

## Areas of Interest

If you had to decide now, which field(s) would you most likely pursue while at Vermont Law School? You are making no commitment by checking these boxes.

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Dispute Resolution                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Law        | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Theory, History and Ethics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law               | <input type="checkbox"/> Litigation and Procedure         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Corporate/Labor Law                 | <input type="checkbox"/> General Practice         | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Interest                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional and Governmental Law and Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> International Law        | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law and Procedure                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Real Estate |   |

## How did you hear about VLS?

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Law School Forum (LSAC)/GRE Forum<br>City/Date _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-law Advisor                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Visit                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Guidebook<br>Name _____                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Published Rankings<br>Name _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College/University Fair<br>City/Date _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> LSAC Web Site  | <input type="checkbox"/> VLS Web Site                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College/University Professor               |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                            |

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## Demographic Information

Father's name in full \_\_\_\_\_

Father's birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

Father's occupation (former, if retired or deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

Did your father attend college?  Yes  No

College(s) attended \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s) earned \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name in full \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's occupation (former, if retired or deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

Did your mother attend college?  Yes  No

College(s) attended \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s) earned \_\_\_\_\_

Has anyone in your immediate family attended or graduated from Vermont Law School?  Yes  No

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

## Candidate Instructions:

When using separate 8.5 x 11-inch sheets of paper to answer the questions below, please be sure to put your name on the top of *each* sheet and clearly identify the number of the question to which you are responding.

## Awards

1. List any significant academic prizes, contests, or honors you have been awarded. List any civic or social awards received during the past five years.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

## Professional Resume

2. Please enclose a copy of your professional resume or curriculum vitae showing your employment history since graduation from high school. (If your education since high school graduation was interrupted for one semester or more, be sure to account for that period of time.) To conserve paper, please print on both sides. If applying electronically via LSAC, place resume on an electronic attachment.

## Extracurricular and Personal Activities

3. List any extracurricular and personal activities in which you have participated during the past five years and the level of your involvement in each.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Character and Fitness

Because of the high ethical standards to which VLS graduates are held, the failure to disclose an act or event such as the ones described below is often more significant, and leads to more serious consequences, than the act or event itself. Please read each question carefully and respond appropriately.

If the answer to any of the following questions is “yes,” please explain fully on a separate sheet of paper. Although a charge or conviction may have been expunged, dismissed or vacated from your record by an order of the court, it nevertheless should be disclosed in answer to these questions, irrespective of any advice from any source that such information need not be disclosed.

Similar questions will be asked on the applications for state bar exams. The information you provide on the law school admission application must be consistent with answers you provide to the bar.

4. Have you ever, as an adult or as a juvenile, been charged with, arrested for, or convicted of a violation of any civil or criminal law, other than a parking violation or speeding ticket?     Yes     No
5. Are any civil or criminal charges pending against you?     Yes     No
6. Has any educational institution, governmental or administrative agency (including any branch of the Armed Forces), or employer ever taken disciplinary action (including academic probation or suspension) against you?     Yes     No

## Essays

The following three essay topics are intended to allow applicants the opportunity to present themselves fully and are critical to the Admissions Committee’s ability to craft the student body. Please respond to each of the three essay topics separately. Applicants are encouraged to be as forthright and open as possible, and should feel free to discuss unusual circumstances or situations of adversity that may have influenced their current values. Be aware that both the quality of your writing and the thoughtfulness of your answers will be evaluated. To conserve paper, please print on both sides.

7. Describe your reasons for pursuing the program you have chosen at Vermont Law School. Be sure to address your future goals and the extent to which your VLS experience will help you to achieve those goals.
8. Give a realistic appraisal of your academic work since graduation from high school. Please note any inconsistencies in your record and the reasons for them.
9. How have you tried to effect change in relation to an issue of personal, local, or national significance?
10. All transfer students are reminded to submit a copy of a law school writing sample.

**I certify that the foregoing information is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I shall promptly inform Vermont Law School if there is any change in any of the facts indicated herein prior to or during enrollment. False statements may result in dismissal or revocation of degree and may affect admission to the bar.**

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**Signature of Applicant**

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Date

An application fee of \$60 (U.S. Funds) must accompany the application. This fee is not refundable.

*Thank you for the time and effort you have given to answer our questions. We have asked them in order to know you better.*