Pre-Law Timeline

Second Year

Throughout the Year
____ Make it a goal to get to know at least one professor well each semester. They are all potential letter writers!
____ Seek leadership positions within organizations with which you are involved.
____ Plan for summertime to find opportunities that will set you apart from your classmates.

Third Year
____ Study for the LSAT

Fall Semester
____ Start researching law schools
Check-out law schools' web sites
Attend Information Sessions

Winter Break and Spring Break
____ Visit law schools

Spring Semester
____ Take LSAT practice tests

April/May
____ Register for the LSAT and LSDAS

June
____ Take LSAT
____ Start working on a personal statement
Bring to pre-law advisor, professors, or Writing Center for help

July/August
____ Receive LSAT score
____ Locate web-based applications on LSAC or law schools' web sites
____ Begin to complete applications if they are available
____ Complete second draft of personal statement and seek feedback

Final Year
September
____ Complete application materials
The earlier the better, especially for financial aid
____ Meet with the pre-law advisor
____ Ask professors or supervisors to write letters of recommendation
____ Request transcripts from every college you ever attended and send to LSDAS

October
____ Take the LSAT if you did not take it in June.
It is better to take it in October than in December!
____ Complete last draft of personal statement
____ Send in application materials as early as possible
Helps with chances of getting into school and also for financial aid
____ Thank professors for writing letters

November/December
____ Check to be sure applications are complete

January
____ File financial aid applications