Your Journey to Law School

A Guide for Aspiring Law Students Who Identify as LGBTQ+



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Congratulations on making the decision to pursue law school! As a prospective law student who identifies as LGBTQ+, your journey to law school will be as unique as you are. This guide is intended to help you on your path to finding the law school that is right for you — one that meets your academic, personal, and professional needs and interests while supporting and encouraging you to thrive as your full authentic self, both inside and outside the classroom.

As you start to think about law school,

try to imagine your preferred learning environment. Think about how important you feel it is for you to be able to safely share your identity with peers and faculty — and to be surrounded by a community of other LGBTQ+ students.

LSAC's LGBTQ+ Guide to Law Schools will give you details on practices and policies at more than 100 law schools in the U.S. and Canada, so you can build your list and find a law school that meets your personal, academic, and professional needs.

Scan the QR code to browse the **LGBTQ+ Guide to Law Schools** at **LSAC.org**.

Questions you may want to ask law schools

Allow yourself plenty of time to meet law school representatives at events like the LSAC Law School Forums and to schedule in-person or virtual campus visits. Remember, it's okay to ask questions! We've compiled the below lists of sample questions you could ask, in a few different categories, so you can think about what's most important to you and get the answers you need to help you decide which law school is right for you.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Does the application offer inclusive gender options to choose from?
- Does the application ask about sexual orientation or gender identity? If so, how is this information used?
- How can I share my perspective and lived experience in the application?
- How does the admission office support applicants who choose to disclose aspects of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or lived experiences during the application process?
- Can you connect me to an LGBTQ+ graduate or current student, so I can ask about their experience here?



TIP: If you are more comfortable asking personal questions via email, request to be put in contact with the appropriate person.

PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY

- What LGBTQ+ student organizations exist at your school? What kind of activities do they plan or are they involved in?
- Are there faculty, staff, or administrators who identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community or who help support LGBTQ+ students?
- How welcoming are the campus and surrounding area? Is there anything I should know about the state or region that could impact my experience or safety?
- Are all-gender restrooms available? Where are they located? Are they ADA accessible?
- Is there campus family housing available, and are same-sex families eligible? Are related housing policies inclusive of nonbinary individuals?
- How does the school recognize events such as Pride Month, Trans Day of Visibility, etc.?
- How does the institution address incidents of bias, discrimination, or harassment affecting LGBTQ+ community members?
- If issues arise, who would I talk to, and how would I seek support from the school's administration?
- Can my chosen name/name in use appear in campus systems (e.g., class rosters, student ID cards, diplomas, etc.)?
- Does your school provide healthcare coverage? If so, does this coverage include gender-affirming medical treatments?
- Are there physical spaces for queer students (e.g., an LGBTQ+ resource center, gathering places for clubs and organizations, etc.)?

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL

- Could you tell me about the classes you offer on issues affecting LGBTQ+ communities?
- Are LGBTQ+ issues/case law incorporated into the curriculum beyond specifically dedicated classes?
- Are there research centers, clinics, journals, or other opportunities where I can focus on LGBTQ+ topics?
- What kind of advising is available for LGBTQ+ students to help navigate the job search process?
- Is there an active LGBTQ+ alumni group?
- Does the school offer mentorship programs specifically for LGBTQ+ students?
- Does your school sponsor, promote, or connect students with the Lavender Law Conference?



After each meeting or visit, ask yourself:

- Was there a visible queer presence on campus?
- Did I feel that LGBTQ+ students were welcomed, supported, and included here?
- Can I see myself thriving here?

As you apply and decide where to enroll, ask yourself:

- Does the application use gender-inclusive language?
- Do I feel seen when filling out the application?



Notes:

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