

Bora Laskin Faculty of Law Admissions



Be a part of the **unique journey** towards **becoming a lawyer** at Lakehead University's Bora Laskin Faculty of Law



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"Committed to reconciliation, access to justice and a healthy and prosperous environment."



**Aboriginal and
Indigenous Law**

**Environmental and
Natural Resources Law**

**Integrated Practice
Curriculum and
Small Town Practice**

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Admissions Criteria: A Holistic Approach



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Application Components

- Academic Record (undergraduate GPA and all postsecondary transcripts)
- LSAT Score
- Personal Statement
- Autobiographical Sketch
- References



Academic Record

- Law admissions is looking for evidence of ability to be successful in rigorous program
- Generally, we recommend a 75–80% average in last two years of undergrad
- Importance of academic performance versus program choice
- Opportunity for students to address anomalies in academic performance



LSAT Score

- Law School Admission Test is mandatory
- Generally, a score of 155 is solid and does not raise cause for concern
- A higher GPA can offset a lower LSAT and vice versa



Personal Statement

When advising students, emphasize the following:

- Highlight connection to Northern Ontario region
- Proofread, proofread, proofread!
- Avoid use of Artificial Intelligence
- Don't overshare



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Autobiographical Sketch

This section gives a fuller picture of the applicant's involvement outside of academics (volunteer, extra-curricular, awards, employment, research)

Important for advisors to note:

- This section will not make or break an applicant but can provide extra context and bolster a middling application
- Law is looking for applicants involved in their community, that show leadership and initiative



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Reference Letters

- Law admissions prefers two academic references – encourage students to build relationships with professors early in program to secure a robust academic reference

Referees:

- 2 sections of Confidential Assessment Form:
 - 1. Checkbox questions
 - 2. Open Letter of Reference



Checkbox questions

How well do you know this applicant?

Slightly

Reasonably well

Very well

How would you describe your overall rating of this applicant?

Highest recommendation

Favourable recommendation

Satisfactory recommendation

Would not recommend

Characteristics	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor	No Basis for Judgment
Capacity for self-directed learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Critical thinking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrity / Character	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interpersonal skills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oral Communication Skills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professionalism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resilience	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work Ethic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Letter of reference:

- Should be written on University letterhead and signed by referee
- Outlines professional relationship between instructor and student
- Speaks to as many of the capacities listed in checkbox section as possible
- Only speak to what you genuinely know about student

