



**Law School Admission Council**



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# **LSAC and AALS Partner on Projects Supporting Legal Education and the Rule of Law**

The Law School Admission Council (LSAC) and the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) today announced a new partnership on several projects of benefit to prospective law students, to law schools, and to the rule of law that will launch in the coming year.

One major project of the new joint effort will be an integrated digital strategy for better communicating with prospective law students before and during college, when they may first be considering pursuing an advanced degree. The project will include the development of multiple web-based and social media initiatives to leverage both organizations' substantial platforms to reach a wider audience of prospective students and others interested in law.

The two organizations will also work together to enhance support for prelaw advisors at colleges and universities around the United States as part of a project aimed at improving available resources for prelaw advisors and their students.

President Kellye Testy of LSAC described the joint effort as coming at a critical time for legal education, which has endured several years of decline in applicants, although the number of test takers and applicants is trending up in the current admission cycle. "By linking our outreach to candidates and prelaw advisors more directly with AALS's strong engagement with the faculty

and programs at member schools, we will strengthen the justice pipeline at critical points,” said Testy.

Judy Areen, the executive director of AALS, is equally enthusiastic about the partnership, noting that all involved in legal education can benefit from this innovative combination of talent and expertise from both organizations.

“Through these efforts, prospective law students will have better access to information about legal education and the value of a law degree,” Areen said. “Students at the initial stages of considering a career in law will soon have substantially enhanced tools to decide if the choice is right for them.”

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### **About the Law School Admission Council (LSAC)**

LSAC is a nonprofit organization devoted to furthering quality, access, and fairness in law school admission by providing the core products and services that candidates and law schools depend upon in the US and around the world. Each year, LSAC helps over 60,000 law school candidates navigate the admission process, administers the LSAT to over 100,000 world-wide test takers, provides the essential admission software and data relied upon by over 220 member law schools, presents dozens of national forums to help candidates and law schools connect, and supports the nation’s prelaw network. The LSAT is the premier standardized test of critical reasoning skills that are fundamental for success in law school and in a wide range of careers. LSAC also works actively to increase diversity in the legal profession and to promote public understanding of law as part of its focus on building a strong justice pipeline.

### **About the AALS**

The Association of American Law Schools (AALS), founded in 1900, is a nonprofit association of 179 law schools. Its members enroll most of the nation’s law students and produce the majority of the country’s lawyers and judges, as well as many of its lawmakers. The mission of AALS is to uphold and advance excellence in legal education. In support of this mission, AALS promotes the core values of excellence in teaching and scholarship, academic freedom, and diversity, including diversity of backgrounds and viewpoints, while seeking to improve the legal profession, to foster justice, and to serve our many communities—local, national and international.