Application instructions
Application materials, including the application fee, application forms, statement of interest, and letters of recommendation, should be assembled together and mailed to Cornell Law School, LL.M./J.S.D. Admissions, 226 Myron Taylor Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-4901, U.S.A., or via LSAC. Documents must be submitted in their original language. Documents in languages other than English must be accompanied by a certified translation. For information on using our web-based online application, visit www.lawschool.cornell.edu/admissions.

Deadlines
LL.M. applications, including all supporting materials, must be received by February 1. If you want to be considered for an LL.M. fellowship, your application and all supporting materials must reach us by January 10. J.S.D. applications must be submitted before May 1.

Statement of interest
A detailed (approximately 750 words) personal statement of interest is an essential part of the application. The statement should include a discussion of your purpose in obtaining the degree, and an explanation of your research and study interests and their relation to your previous education and professional goals. Please include your full name on the top of each page of the statement of interest. If you are applying to the J.S.D. program, please include a detailed and footnoted research proposal of no more than 3,000 words.

Transcripts/other academic records
Complete official transcripts of all previous college, university, and graduate/professional school study, including work done at Cornell, must be submitted. To accomplish this, we strongly recommend that you register with the Law School Admission Council’s LL.M. Credential Assembly Service (www.LLM.LSAC.org). This service will save you time and money, especially if you intend to apply to more than one U.S. or Canadian graduate law program. You will need to obtain your transcripts and other required academic records only one time to make them available in all of your applications. For a registration fee, LSAC will collect and distribute your academic records and your TOEFL score (see the section “English proficiency,” overleaf, for how to have your TOEFL score report sent to LSAC) to up to five law schools you select. (Additional reports are available for an additional fee.) Once you register for this service, it will be available to you for a period of five years.

Recommendations
Two letters of recommendation must be submitted from faculty members acquainted with your work in the major area of study. If that work occurred more than three years ago, or if such letters are not obtainable because of circumstances beyond your control, recommendations from those familiar with your professional performance are acceptable.

Forms for recommendations are provided with these application materials. You can photocopy the forms if necessary. You should ask each recommender to enclose the recommendation form in an envelope, seal the envelope, sign it across the seal, and return it to you to be submitted, unopened, with the other application materials. (If the recommender prefers, the letter can be sent directly to the Law School; however, applications received with the recommendations are processed more quickly.)

Under U.S. federal legislation, enrolled students have access to letters of recommendation. If you want to waive your right of access, you can do so by signing the appropriate statement on the recommendation form. (If a form is not available, you can waive the right of access by submitting the following written statement to the recommender: “I hereby waive my right of access, under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, to this letter of recommendation in regard to my application for admission to Cornell Law School. I understand that this letter will be used by the Law School only in its procedures relative to admission and fellowship awards.” This statement must be signed and dated by the applicant and attached to the letter of recommendation. Your decision on whether to waive your right of access will not influence our admission decision, but it might be important to your recommenders. You should discuss the matter with them.)

English proficiency
Proficiency in English is required for admission and your level of proficiency, as demonstrated by all aspects of the application, is a significant factor in our decision-making process. If your native language is not English,
you must take the Test of English as a
Foreign Language (TOEFL) unless
you have received your first degree in
law from a college or university in a
country where both the language of
instruction and the native language
is English. We do not accept IELTS.

A minimum overall TOEFL score of
550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-
based), or 79 (Internet-based) is re-
quired to be considered for admission.
The official score report must be
received prior to the applicable dead-
line for an application to be considered.

Accepted applicants whose TOEFL
scores are between 550 and 600
(paper-based), between 213 and 250
(computer-based), or between 79 and
100 (Internet-based) must take the
English placement test given at
Cornell during registration week. If
the placement score indicates that
you need additional formal training
in English, a course will be required
during the first semester.

The TOEFL is offered frequently
throughout the world. Information
on times and places and an applica-
tion form can be obtained from the
Educational Testing Service (ETS),
Princeton, NJ 08541, U.S.A. (telephone:
609 921-9000 or web: www.ets.org).
Our institution code is 2098, depart-
ment code 03.

To have your TOEFL score report
sent to the LSAC LL.M. Credential
Assembly Service, you must have ETS
send your TOEFL score to LSAC using
the institution code number 8395.

Application fee
Payment of the nonrefundable appli-
cation fee of US$80 must be submitted
with the application. Payment should
be made in U.S. dollars in the form
of a certified check or money order or
by completing the credit-card authori-
zation on the application form, which
must include the security code from
the back of the credit card.

Financial requirement
Non-U.S. applicants offered admission
must submit evidence of full financial
support (this can include any fellow-
ship award) for themselves and their
dependents for the duration of the
program of study. The Law School
will inform accepted applicants of
financial support certification proce-
dures at the appropriate time in the
admission process.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST: LL.M. and J.S.D.
We encourage you to use the LSAC LL.M. Credential Assembly Service.

LL.M. Deadline: February 1, 2012 • J.S.D. Deadline: May 1, 2012

A complete application contains the following items:
(please see the instructions for important additional details.)

☐ Completed and signed application form (electronic signature is sufficient
for online applications); please do not send duplicate applications

☐ US$80 application fee (certified check or money order payable to Cornell
University, or credit-card authorization)

☐ LSAC LL.M. Credential Assembly Service School Report containing all
required academic credentials, or official copies of all transcripts and
degree certifications in signed, sealed envelopes from the university

☐ An official certification of each degree you have earned

☐ Two recommendation forms and accompanying letters in signed, sealed
envelopes from recommenders

☐ An official statement of class rank from the institution at which you
earned or will earn your first degree in law; if such rankings are not provid-
ed by your school, provide a statement to this effect along with a detailed
explanation of the grading system employed

☐ A personal statement of interest

☐ If you are applying to the J.S.D. program, please include a detailed and
footnoted research proposal of no more than 3,000 words

☐ If English is not your native language, please include an official TOEFL score
report from the Educational Testing Service (this may be submitted to the
LSAC LL.M. Credential Assembly Service; we strongly recommend, but do not
require, that you take the Test of Written English (TWE) as well as the TOEFL

Important note Documents in languages other than English must be
accompanied by a certified translation in a signed, sealed envelope. Only com-
plete applications will be reviewed by our committee. The deadline for com-
pleted LL.M. applications is February 1. Applications completed after that date
will be reviewed on a space-available basis only. LL.M. fellowship applicants
must complete their applications by January 10. J.S.D. applications must be
received by May 1. Also, please note that the processing of paper applications
may require additional time. This includes documents not submitted through
the Credential Assembly Service.
CORNELL LAW SCHOOL ~ LL.M./J.S.D. PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Please read instructions before completing this application. Type or print in ink. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Degree Program: Please check only one.  □ LL.M. □ J.S.D.

1. Legal Name on Passport: __________________________________________ last (family) first middle

2. Date of birth: ________/______/______  □ Female  □ Male
   U.S. Social Security No. (if any): ___________________________ LSAC Identifier: L-
   Country of birth: __________ Citizenship status: □ U.S. □ U.S. Permanent Resident □ Other: __________

3. Current address (through ____________) (required):
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   Telephone #: (cell phone preferred) ___________ Fax #: ___________ E-mail address: _______________

4. Permanent address (required):
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   Telephone #: (cell phone preferred) ___________ Fax #: ___________ E-mail address: _______________

5. Have you ever applied to Cornell Law School? □ Yes □ No  If so, when? ________________________________
   What was the decision? _______________________________________

6. Are you now or have you ever been enrolled in any U.S. law school? □ Yes □ No  
   If so, which ones and when? __________________________________

7. List in order of attendance all colleges, universities, and graduate/professional schools you have attended.

   School/Location         Entry Date  Leaving Date (expected)  Major Subject         Degree Received/Expected Date
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
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8. If your native language is not English, when did you or will you take the TOEFL? __________
   What was your score? __________ (Official score reports must be sent directly to the LSAC or the Law School by the 
   Educational Testing Service.)

9. What is your native language? __________________________ What other languages have you studied?
   (please indicate number of years) __________________________
   How would you rate your level of fluency in spoken English? (circle) 1 native 2 3 4 5 adequate

10. Please list any scholarly publications or other original work you have published.
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
11. Please list any academic honors, fellowships, scholarships, or other awards you have received.
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12. Please list academic or other full-time employment related to law. You may attach a resumé.

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13. Please list the names and professional affiliations of people who influenced your decision to apply to Cornell Law School.
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14. Please indicate the extent of financial support you must receive from Cornell Law School to enroll in the LL.M. program:  ❑ No aid needed  ❑ Aid desirable but not essential  ❑ Partial aid needed  ❑ Full aid needed

14a. Do you wish to be considered for a fellowship?  ❑ Yes  ❑ No

15. Please list any sources (including personal or family) of non-Cornell financial support available to you, or which you have received or expect to receive for the coming academic year (e.g., government, employer, personal).

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If the answer is “yes” to any of questions 16–18, please submit an explanatory statement.

16. Has your college, university, graduate-school, or professional-school course been interrupted for one or more terms for any reason?  ❑ Yes  ❑ No

17. Have you ever been the subject of disciplinary proceedings; or warned, placed on probation, or suspended for academic, nonacademic, or any other reasons by any of the colleges, universities, graduate schools, or professional schools you have attended; or are any such proceedings pending?  ❑ Yes  ❑ No

18. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a crime, including expunged offenses, other than a minor traffic violation, or are charges pending?  ❑ Yes  ❑ No

19. Please submit a separate Statement of Interest discussing your academic interests and proposed course of study at Cornell.

20. Payment of nonrefundable fee of US$80:  ❑ Certified check or money order enclosed

   I authorize payment by:  ❑ Visa  ❑ MasterCard  Credit-card number:_______________________________

   Cardholder’s name:_________________________________________ Security code (required):_______________

   Cardholder’s signature:_________________________________________ Date of Expiration:_______________

I certify that the information I have provided on this form and in any related material is true and complete and will notify Cornell Law School promptly if there is any change in any aspect of this application. I understand this is a continuing obligation throughout my enrollment at Cornell and that inaccurate, misleading, or incomplete statements or a failure to update any aspect of this application could result in honor code proceedings, dismissal, rescission of my law degree, or other disciplinary sanctions.

Signature:_________________________________________ Date:________________________

month/day/year

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CORNELL LAW SCHOOL ~ LL.M./J.S.D. PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Complete this section (please type or print). Then give this form and a self-addressed letter-size envelope to the person whom you have asked to recommend you. When that person returns the sealed envelope to you, include it with your other application materials.

Applicant’s name: ___________________________________________________________________________________

U.S. Social Security No. (if any): ___________________________ LSAC Identifier: ______________

Date of birth: ____________________________________________

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Recommender: Thank you for assisting us with our admission process. Your insights on this applicant to our LL.M. program are an important part of his or her application. This recommendation will remain confidential during the admission process and will be used by the Law School only in its procedures relative to admission and fellowships. If the applicant has not waived the right of access to your recommendation, it will become accessible to the student only if he or she enrolls in the Law School.

In the table below, please compare this applicant with one of the following (check one):

❏ Students from your institution who have gone on to graduate programs

❏ Current students in his or her graduating class

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No basis for judgment

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Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: __________________________

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Institution:_________________________________________________________ name __________ address

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