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Application decisions are coming, and we want you to be prepared! This issue will cover information you need to navigate Waitlists, Scholarships and Seat Deposit decisions so you can make the best law school decision.

Waitlists

Many students view being Waitlisted as a rejection from the law school. This certainly isn't the case. Don't give up hope! Students are able to successfully move off the Waitlist and secure an offer of admission. However, one must demonstrate to the law school that they are interested. Accepting your spot on the Waitlist enthusiastically shows you are committed. Also, keep the Admissions Office updated with any changes to your application regarding GPA, LSAT scores, honors or awards and recommendations.

Letter of Continued Interest

The best way to indicate your commitment to attending your #1 law school is to send a Letter of Continued Interest (LOCI). If you didn't explain "Why X Law School?" in your application already, then this is a good time to let the law school know why they are your first choice. Be specific; list any classes or clinicals you're interested in. Also, be sure to explain what you'd be bringing to the school and how you see yourself becoming a part of their community.

More details about writing and submitting your LOCI

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Seat Deposits

Seat deposit costs vary across law schools and can range from \$250 to over \$1000. After receiving an offer of admission, the law school will send you a letter typically in March or April requesting your seat deposit payment as a confirmation that you will matriculate to their school. It is not recommended to pay for multiple seat deposits since law schools will choose not to refund the money for the seat deposit and some law schools will rescind their offer of admission.

More information regarding Seat Deposits

Scholarship Reconsideration

Don't assume all law schools will consider a scholarship reconsideration. Generally, law school admissions will state in the scholarship letter whether the school will reconsider their scholarship offer. If unclear, applicants should write a professional email to the law school with any updated GPA, LSAT, letters of recommendation, or resume changes and ask if the school would be willing to reconsider their scholarship offer under those circumstances. You will need to know the differences in cost of attendance, tuition, and rank information if leveraging your scholarship offer with an offer letter from another law school.

More information regarding Scholarship Reconsideration

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