



Statement on Acceptance and Use of the GRE for JD Admission

Spring 2018

Starting in Spring 2018, for applicants seeking admission to the JD. program in or after Fall 2018, The John Marshall Law School will accept either an LSAT or GRE score as long as the score was earned within five years of the expected date of the candidate's matriculation into law school.

While applicants need only take either the LSAT or the GRE, JMLS requires *all* test results from the past five years. For example, if an applicant has taken both exams twice within the last five years, then JMLS requires all four test results. Applicants may not choose which results they will share.

JMLS will use a GRE score to evaluate candidates in the following manner:

Candidates who choose to submit a GRE score for use in the admission process must instruct the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to submit its official report of GRE scores for tests taken during the last five years directly to The John Marshall Law School. Applicants who have taken the GRE can log into their ETS account and select The John Marshall Law School as a recipient of GRE results using the ETS Designated Institution code 2738.

Applicants who apply with a GRE score must also register with the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). Other than the GRE score, the applicant's other materials—including the application, transcripts, letters of recommendation, personal statement, resume, and supplemental statements—must be submitted to the CAS for assembly and submission. If the applicant has taken the LSAT, that score will also be a part of the CAS.

If an applicant has taken the LSAT, JMLS considers the LSAT to be the primary admission test, regardless of whether the applicant has submitted a GRE score. In this situation, JMLS evaluates the GRE test score as supplemental information, along with other components of the applicant's file.

If an applicant has not taken the LSAT, JMLS considers the GRE to be the primary admission test. JMLS uses all three of the sections of the GRE in its analysis: quantitative, verbal reasoning, and analytical writing. The scores for these sections are reviewed separately, not as a composite score. JMLS bases its evaluation on the

percentiles of the GRE section scores. JMLS gives more weight to the quantitative and verbal reasoning sections, and less weight to the analytical writing section.

As with multiple LSAT scores, if an applicant submits multiple GRE scores, JMLS uses the high GRE score for the last five years of GRE administrations.

As with the LSAT, the GRE score is just one component of an applicant's file. JMLS also evaluates the applicant's transcripts, application, letters of recommendation, personal statement, resume, and supplemental statements to determine if an applicant will be admitted to the law school.