LLM-JD Transfer Program

Non-U.S. law school graduates enrolled in the law school's LLM program may apply for transfer admission to the JD program to begin in the year following completion of their LLM degree. A limited number of outstanding students will be offered admission each year. Those students may then sequentially complete both the LLM and JD degrees within three years.

Students admitted through this program may begin JD studies in the fall semester only.

To be considered for transfer admission, applicants must do the following:

- 1. successfully complete at least one course from the required JD curriculum during their first semester of LLM enrollment;
- 2. notify the JD Admissions Office (admissions@law.gwu.edu) in writing of their interest by **February 1** (during their second semester of LLM enrollment);
- 3. take either the LSAT or GRE no later than May 1; and
- 4. submit a transfer application through the Law School Admission Council no later than **May 15**.

Applicants will apply through the Law School Admission Council using the standard transfer application. Required components of the application include 1) all official records from prior academic institutions and the GW Law transcript sent directly to LSAC, 2) LSAT/GRE score, 3) a personal statement, and 4) a resume. Applicants should arrange for their Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) scores to be sent from the Graduate and International Programs Office to the JD Admissions Office. All documents are due in the JD Admissions Office by May 15. Please note that the LSAT/GRE score is just one of a number of factors that are considered for admission into the LLM-JD Transfer Program.

Students admitted to the JD program will be treated as transfer students. Upon beginning the JD program, they will receive 28 credits of advanced standing for legal studies completed outside of the United States. Students can thus complete the LLM degree in one year and the JD degree in an additional two years. The law school is committed to providing administrative and other similar logistical support for LLM-JD transfer students.