

See the Score and More: JD-Next for Law Schools

A proven signal for evaluating applicant readiness

What is JD-Next?

JD-Next is an 8-week online program that teaches students the foundational skills needed to succeed in law school and culminates in a valid and reliable admissions assessment.

Why JD-Next matters

For Law Schools

Holistic admissions depends on more than a score. JD-Next gives law schools an evidence-based admissions signal: a structured measure of the reading, rule synthesis, and case analysis skills applicants will need in the classroom.

Students engage with real law school work, then demonstrate their proficiency through a rigorous law school admissions assessment.

For Law School Applicants

JD-Next helps applicants:

- ✓ Demonstrate their readiness for law school
- ✓ Preview the skills needed to excel in the first year
- ✓ Explore whether law school is the right path before making a significant investment
- ✓ Showcase perseverance, academic potential, and commitment

What students learn

The course mirrors the start of a 1L Contracts class. Students build the skills that matter most for that first semester.

Students learn how to:

- ✓ Read and analyze judicial opinions
- ✓ Identify the controlling rules of law
- ✓ Recognize legally significant facts
- ✓ Apply legal principles to new fact patterns
- ✓ Build analytical reasoning skills expected of successful law students

The admissions assessment

Upon completing the course, students take the JD-Next Admissions Assessment.

The assessment includes:

- ✓ 100 multiple-choice questions (70 scored)
- ✓ One ungraded essay
- ✓ Scores ranging from 400–1,000
- ✓ Percentile rankings for comparison among test takers
- ✓ Scores that remain valid for five years

Students choose which participating schools receive their scores. JD-Next transmits scores directly to those schools.

JD-Next measures skills students actually practice. That makes it a more equitable readiness signal for holistic review.

Backed by Research. Built for Informed Admissions.

Review the research behind JD-Next

Independent research has shown that students who complete JD-Next:

- ✓ Earn approximately 0.20 higher first-year law school GPA on average
- ✓ Increase their likelihood of passing the bar exam by 9.7 percent
- ✓ Experience little to no score disparities across underrepresented student groups compared with traditional standardized admissions exams

JD-Next measures the skills students develop, not just their ability to take a standardized test.

Growing Adoption

Today, 67 law schools have received a variance allowing them to accept the JD-Next Admissions Assessment in lieu of a traditional admissions test. Many other law schools also consider JD-Next as part of a holistic admissions review alongside the LSAT.

Percentage of admitted applicants (per score range)	Score range of applicants
2%	Below 700
7%	700-745
40%	750-795
68%	Above 800

Why do students choose JD-Next?

Because it prepares them for 1L and gives them proof they're ready.

How law schools use JD-Next

JD-Next can support admissions review and early student success planning in practical, institutionally flexible ways.



Provide a reliable, fair, evidence-based admissions pathway, where approved and adopted



Add a readiness signal to support holistic review



Inform waitlist and addendum review decisions

Program Investment

Standard Tuition: \$459

Early Registration Tuition (30+ days): \$399

Eligible students may also qualify for the **LexisNexis Fee Waiver**, reducing tuition to \$50.

Learn More

Explore how JD-Next can support holistic admissions, applicant evaluation, and early academic support.

Scan the QR code to visit **Why JD-Next for Schools.**



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