

# VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

## *J.D. Applicant Recommendation*

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Vanderbilt University Law School  
Office of Admissions  
131 21st Avenue South  
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

**To the J.D. Applicant:** If you are a J.D. applicant submitting letters through the LSDAS Service, please use the waiver form provided by LSAC instead of this form. If you are sending letters directly to Vanderbilt, please complete this form, and ask the recommender to mail this form and the letter to the Admissions Office at the Law School. If your school maintains permanent files of letters of recommendation, complete this waiver form and deliver it to the office sending your letters so that the waiver can be attached.

Applicant's Name:

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(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME)

Students are permitted access to permanent education records unless the right has been waived. Vanderbilt does not require such a waiver as a condition of admission. However, many applicants have concluded that the effectiveness of recommendation letters may be enhanced by having it made clear that such letters are written in confidence.

**Please check ONLY one box below and sign:**

I waive my right of access to this recommendation

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

I DO NOT waive my right of access to this recommendation

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Recommender's Name:

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Recommender's Title:  
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**To the Recommender:** The student is applying for admission to the Vanderbilt University Law School. We must select our students from applicants qualified to meet the demanding standards of the Law School. Therefore, we must make judgments based both on objective criteria and on abilities and characteristics that cannot appear exclusively in objective indicators.

Your opinion will help us evaluate the applicant. It is important that the letters be detailed and frank. Please state the extent of your acquaintance with the applicant and, as fully as possible, your opinion of the applicant's aptitude for the study of law. The Admissions Committee finds it particularly useful if special attributes can be identified that would set apart this candidate from others whose objective indicators might be similar. Please discuss specifically the applicant's intellectual ability (particularly analytical and verbal skills), creativity, commitment to academic pursuits, and writing skills. Also of interest to the Committee are such matters as character, reliability, and maturity.

**Mailing Instructions:** Please use the reverse side of this sheet for your recommendation or attach your letter to this form, and mail it directly to the Admissions Office at:

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*Law Scholars Application*

3. Describe your two most significant extracurricular activities (or honors received) in college.

4. Describe your most significant employment experience.

5. What do you expect to be involved in both professionally and extracurricularly 10 years after you have graduated from law school?  
Please explain your response.

6. If you were to choose an occupation other than the practice of law, what would you choose?