OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

WESTERN PRE-LAW SOCIETY

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WELCOME BACK WPLS!

Hi WPLS! My name is Skylar Cormican, and I am so excited to be your Director of Journalism this year. Welcome back to returning members, and a big welcome to all of our new members! There is a place for everyone at WPLS.



The Western Pre-Law Society exists to support anyone curious about a future in law, through a mix of events, workshops, guest speakers, and networking opportunities, plus resources to help you navigate the road to law school. Each month, we will break down what is happening in the club, share timely advice, and make sure you never miss a deadline or an opportunity.

We are so excited for another great year with plenty to look forward to. Stay connected with us by following our social media platforms for the latest updates and announcements!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2026/27 AGM RECAP



Thank you to everyone who came out to our Annual General Meeting! Seeing so many familiar faces (and so many new ones) was the perfect way to kick off the year.

At the AGM, we introduced the core 2026-27 executive team, walked through our plans for the year, and gave everyone a first look at what is ahead!

A huge thank you to our exec team for the work they put in, and to every member who showed up. WPLS is only as strong as its community, and this year's community is already shaping up to be extremely special.

Do not stress if you missed the AGM! Follow our socials for updates, and come say hi at our next event!



WPLS OSGOODE LAW TOUR!

SAVE THE DATE

Ever wondered what law school actually looks like?

WPLS is heading to **Osgoode Hall Law School** for an exclusive campus tour, and you are invited!

This is a chance to see the school up close, get a feel for the environment, and picture yourself there. It's especially useful if you are deciding where to apply or just want to know what to expect from law school life.

Why you should attend:

- See Osgoode's campus and facilities in person
- Get a real sense of the law school environment
- Connect with fellow pre-law students

Tip: Since the tour falls on a Friday afternoon, double-check your class schedule now so you are able to attend!

Tickets are coming soon on *Rubric*, and spots may be limited, so don't wait. Follow us on Instagram (@westernprelawsociety) for updates.

DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
TIME: 12:00 - 2:00 PM
LOCATION: OSGOODE HALL LAW SCHOOL
TRANSPORTATION: BUS TRANSPORTATION

WPLS WINE & CHEESE NIGHT!

SAVE THE DATE

Pour yourself a glass (or a sparkling juice) and mark your calendar. Our Wine & Cheese is coming up, and it's the perfect chance to meet fellow pre-law students, chat with the exec team, and network in a relaxed setting.

We will begin the event with some casual networking and refreshments, followed by food and an engaging panel discussion with our panelist. After the panel, stick around for open networking and continue building connections with WPLS peers and legal professionals!

Whether you are hunting for application advice, looking for a study buddy for the LSAT, or just want some good cheese, we would love to see you there!

More information to come - stay tuned for panel speakers and follow us on Instagram (@westernprelawsociety) for updates!

DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
TIME: 6:30PM- 8:30PM
LOCATION: THE WAVE (UCC-SECCOND FLOOR)
DRESS CODE: BUSINESS CASUAL

WPLS TORONTO FIRMS TRIP!

SAVE THE DATE

Pack your blazer, because the WPLS Annual Toronto Trip is back.
This is the event to attend if you want a real look at what a legal career in Toronto involves, from the law firms to the law schools to the government.

What's on the agenda:

Thursday, November 26th, We will step inside the big law firms on Bay Street to see what working in Canada's legal hub looks like, visit Toronto-based law schools to get a feel for where you could be studying, and wrap up with an industry highlight and a government highlight that explore other paths in law and public service.

Why you should attend:

Get inside the buildings you've only read about
Hear directly from people working in the field
Network with fellow pre-law students
Find out which path in law fits you best (and which doesn't)

More details coming soon! Follow us on Instagram (@westernprelawsociety) for updates.

LAW SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

CURRENT TRENDS

With applications due **November 1st**, let us talk about what you are up against and what schools are looking for!
Competition for Canadian law schools is real. Western Law received roughly 2,550 OLSAS applications for a class of around 198. *The takeaway:* strong applications come from the whole package, not just numbers!

CANADIAN LAW SCHOOL	*2026 MEDIAN LSAT SCORE*	*2026 MEDIAN GPA*
WESTERN UNIVERSITY	~164	~3.7
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO	~167-168	~3.9
UBC	~166	~3.8
MCGILL UNIVERSITY	~164	~3.8
OSGOODE HALL (YORK)	~165-166	~3.7
QUEENS UNIVERSITY	~160	~3.7
UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA	~158	~3.6

What these numbers really mean:

Medians are the middle, not the minimum! Half of admitted students fall below them. Many schools say they review applications holistically.

GPA calculations vary! For example, Western considers both your cumulative average and your "last two years" average, so a strong upward trend can help you.

CANADIAN LAW SCHOOL	2026 MEDIAN LSAT SCORE	2026 MEDIAN GPA
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO FACULTY OF LAW	-167	-3.9
UBC ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW	-166	-3.8
UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA FACULTY OF LAW	-163	-3.8
UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF LAW	-164	-3.8
MCGILL UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW	-164	-3.8
DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY SCHULICH SCHOOL OF LAW	-163	-3.7
YORK UNIVERSITY OSGOODE HALL LAW SCHOOL	-165-166	-3.7
WESTERN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW	-164	-3.7
UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA FACULTY OF LAW	-161	-3.9
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA FACULTY OF LAW	-161	-3.8
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW	-160	-3.7
UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK FACULTY OF LAW	-159	-3.8
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN FACULTY OF LAW	-159	-3.7
THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW	-159	-3.7
UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA FACULTY OF LAW	-158	-3.6
TMU LINCOLN ALEXANDER SCHOOL OF LAW	NOT PUBLISHED	NOT PUBLISHED
UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR FACULTY OF LAW	NOT PUBLISHED	NOT PUBLISHED
LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY BORA LASKIN FACULTY OF LAW	NO REQUIREMENT	NOT PUBLISHED

Medians are approximate and drawn from LSAC's Official Guide to Canadian JD Programs. GPA scales and calculations vary by school, so check each school's admissions page for how your GPA will be calculated.

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

A GUIDE TO WRITING

Your grades and LSAT score tell schools **what you have done.** Your personal statement tells them **who you are.**
Here's how to make yours count:

1. Start with a story, not a thesis: Open with a specific moment that shows your values, curiosity, or resilience. Skip the dramatic "Ever since I was a child, I wanted to be a lawyer" opener.

2. Show, not tell: Instead of saying you are a leader, describe a time you led and what it taught you.

3. Connect the dots: Tie your experiences together into a clear narrative: why law, why now, and what you will bring to a law school community.

4. Be authentic: Admissions committees read thousands of essays. The ones that stand out sound like real people.

5. Revise, revise, revise: Write a messy first draft, step away, then edit hard. Get feedback from people you trust.

6. Follow the instructions: Check each school's prompt, word limit, and requirements. Some schools ask for different things.

Common mistakes to avoid:

- Rehashing your resume
- Cliches about "justice" without specifics
- Overly dramatic writing or legal jargon
- Typos (proofread out loud!)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

THE LAW SCHOOL CALENDAR

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Nov. 1st
ON., MCGILL

Dec. 1st
UBC, AB., CALGARY, MB.

Jan. 10th
DALHOUSIE

Feb. 1st
SASKATCHEWAN

NOV. 11 - 14 2026

November LSAT administration.

DEC. 1 2026

January LSAT registration deadline.

DEC. 2 2026

November LSAT scores released.

REMEMBER...

Know your schools: Some schools are more numbers-heavy, while others put real weight on your personal statement, experiences, and context.
Apply strategically: Build a list that includes a mix of reach, target, and likely schools.
Don't self-reject: If your numbers are slightly below a median, a strong narrative, work experience, and a polished application can still make a difference.
Pro tip: Early applicants sometimes have an edge at schools that review on a rolling basis. If you haven't submitted yet, aim to get it in well before the deadline day, when systems get busy.

THE VERDICT IS IN...

YOU ARE READY!

To everyone writing the LSAT this November: you have put in the hours, the practice tests, and the late nights. Trust your prep, get a good night's sleep, and go show that exam what you're made of.
We're rooting for you!

Heads Up! Changes are coming to the LSAT.
Starting in August 2027, LSAC will mix unscored (experimental) questions into all three scored sections instead of using a standalone unscored section, causing test time to increase by about 10 minutes.

What stays the same:
The test is still scored on the 120-180 scale
There are still 77 scored questions

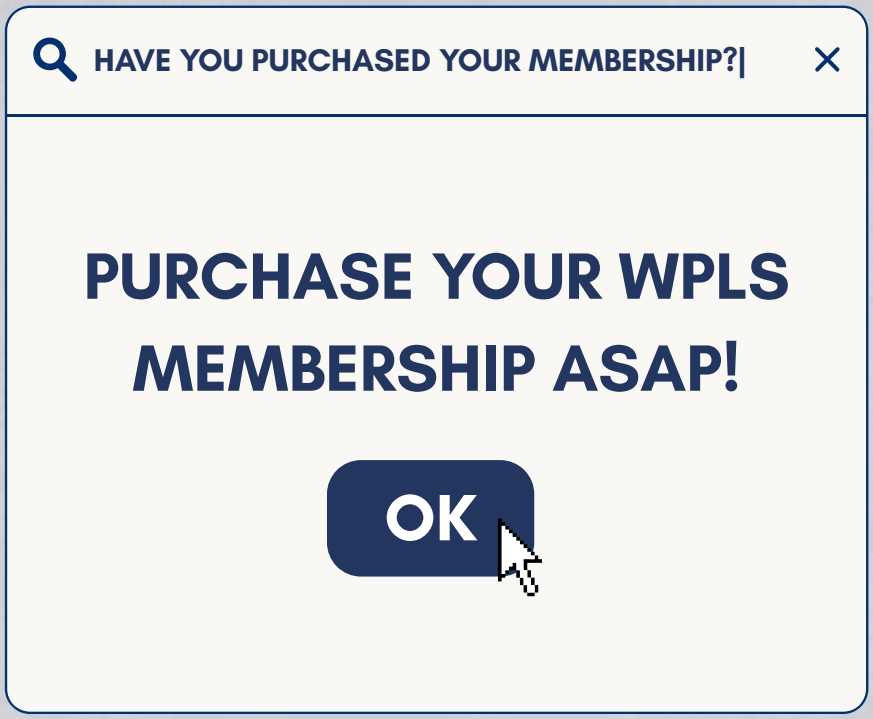
The changes:

SECTIONS	*QUESTIONS*	*TIME*
READING COMPREHENSION	**40** (27 SCORED, 13 UNSCORED)	52 MINUTES
LOGICAL REASONING (1)	**32** (25 SCORED, 7 UNSCORED)	45 MINUTES
LOGICAL REASONING (2)	**32** (25 SCORED, 7 UNSCORED)	45 MINUTES

Always check LSAC's LawHub for official prep materials as they are released.

WPLS MEMBERSHIPS

THE DEBRIEF



Become a member of the Western Pre-Law Society for the 2026-2027 academic year!

Reminder: If you were a member last year and would like to continue with pre-law this year as a member, you must **purchase another membership.**

Purchasing a membership will give you access to all the **amazing opportunites, reosources and events at a discounted member price.**

To purchase a membership, use this link to **Rubric!**

CASE CLOSED
FOR NOW...

Thanks for reading, WPLS!

Whether you are submitting applications this week, prepping for the LSAT, or just starting to explore what law could look like for you, we are so glad that you are part of this community.

We are thrilled about the events and opportunities planned for this year and can't wait to share them with you soon. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions, we can't wait to connect with you soon!

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