

CABOT HOUSE PRE-LAW INFORMATION FORM

This form is designed to provide your Non-Resident Pre-Law Tutor with the necessary background information that he or she will need in order to write your House recommendation letter.

Please fill out this page and answer questions 1 through 14. Although the questions on the following page may seem exhaustive, please limit your answers to all questions to 3 pages in total. Make 2 copies; email one to your Pre-Law Tutor and one to Jessica Joslin, the Assistant to the Resident Dean (A-22; jjoslin@fas.harvard.edu). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Julie Kobick (jkobick@jd10.law.harvard.edu), Michael Aktipis (maktipis@law.harvard.edu), or Dustin Saldarriaga (dustin.saldarriaga@gmail.com).

Please also complete the Academic Release of Information form (which can be found on the Cabot House website—http://cabot.harvard.edu/Advising/PreLaw_Introduction.html) if you have not already done so, and give it to Jessica Joslin. This will give the Pre-Law Committee access to your records and permission to prepare the House letter. Each recommendation letter that comes to your Cabot House file should also be accompanied by a waiver form included in this packet.

Name: _____ Graduation Class: _____ Date of A.B.

Degree (month, year) _____ Honors (if any): _____ Concentration:

_____ Overall GPA (on a 4-point scale): _____ Secondary Field (if

any): _____ Concentration GPA: _____ Language Citation (if any):

_____ School Address:

_____ Permanent Address:

_____ Telephone Number:

_____ Email: _____ Pre-Law Tutor (if known):

_____ Have you taken the LSATs?

_____ If yes, what date? _____ If yes, what score? _____

If no, have you registered? _____ If no, when do you plan to take the LSAT? _____ List any academic honors or prizes you have received (and please attach an explanation of the award and a summary of the selection process): _____

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PRE-LAW APPLICANTS

The Application and House Letter

- 1 Why do you want to go to law school? What do you see yourself doing with a law degree?
- 2 What would you do if all law schools closed and you were forced to choose another career path?
- 3 What in particular would you like us to emphasize in your House Letter? (Explain an apparent weakness? Emphasize a certain strength? Minimize a certain fault? Cover an area not addressed by your academic recommendations?) What would you like us and the law schools to know about you (family background, minority status, special personal achievements, alumni connections, obstacles overcome)?
- 4 To what schools do you plan to apply? On what basis have you selected these schools? Do you have a "safety" school?
- 5 Who have you asked to write your letters of recommendation? What perspectives and experience will each of them bring to your application?

Academics

- 1 What did you select your concentration/secondary field? What have been the strengths of your academic experience at Harvard? Describe one rewarding academic experience.
- 2 Have you written or will you write a senior thesis? If so, briefly explain it.
- 3 Describe any other research, writing, or oratorical experience.
- 4 Discuss any weaknesses or problems in your academic or disciplinary record for which you can provide clarification or explanation. If you have taken any courses that are not self-explanatory (independent studies or general research courses, please provide a brief description.

Extracurriculars and Jobs

10. Please list and describe the extracurricular activities you participated in during your time in college. Which were most important to you? Why? What did you do? What positions did you hold? How much time did you spend on each? What did you learn?
11. Have you held part-time employment? What exactly did you do in these jobs? How many hours per week did you work?
12. Describe your college summer experiences—what you did and what you learned.
13. What are your other hobbies/interests?

Miscellaneous

14. If you took a leave of absence while in college or have worked since graduation, please describe what you have done. In what ways have your experience been valuable?