

***Taft Law School
Application for Admission
Juris Doctor Program***

Individuals interested in determining their eligibility for enrollment in the Juris Doctor Program offered by Taft Law School may do so by completing the following form. Completing this form does not guarantee you admission to the Program **and does not obligate you to enroll should you be accepted for admission.**

There is no application fee unless you are applying as a Special Applicant or seeking transfer credit for prior law study in which case you will need to submit a \$100.00 evaluation fee and copies of prior transcripts for our evaluation. All information you provide will be utilized for the sole purpose of determining your eligibility for admission to the School of Law. It will not be disclosed to any other party for any other purpose.

This Program is subject to enrollment capacity limitations. If you are accepted for admission to the Program, to guarantee your enrollment, you will need to pay an “Enrollment Commitment Fee” in the amount of \$100.00.

This Enrollment Commitment Fee guarantees an approved applicant’s admission to the Program at anytime within the next six months and locks in tuition at current levels during this period of time.

The Application can either be submitted online, by FAX, or by mail. It will take approximately fifteen minutes to complete this Application excluding the required writing sample. If you are submitting the Application by FAX or mail, you should print the Adobe file and utilize attachments if there is inadequate space on the form.

You should not submit this application until all required information is available. Incomplete applications will not be processed. **Required information is noted by three asterisks (***)**

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Section I PERSONAL DATA

*****I am Applying for admission to:**

The Attorney Track Program (JDATSM Program) _____

The Executive Track Program (JDETSM Program) _____

The Attorney Track Independent Study Program _____

The Executive Track Independent Study Program _____

First Name*** _____

Middle Initial _____

Last Name*** _____

Home Address ***

Number and Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Country: _____ Zip or Postal Code: _____

Daytime Telephone Number (____) _____

Evening Telephone Number (____) _____

Do you expect to reside in the United States during your term of enrollment? *

Yes No

E-Mail Address*** _____@_____

Gender: M F

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Present Business or Occupation*** _____

Do you expect your tuition will be reimbursed in whole or part by your employer's tuition reimbursement plan? Yes No

Do you prefer the existence of this application and any subsequent enrollment be kept confidential from your employer? Yes No

Are you currently incarcerated? Yes No

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Section I PERSONAL DATA (Concluded)

Have you ever been convicted of any crime (other than minor traffic violations)?*** Yes No

Do you hold any professional licenses? Yes No
If yes, please list below.

Do you have regular Internet access and basic E-Mail skills? *** Yes No

Do you have basic skills in Microsoft Windows®?*** Yes No

Do you have basic skills in Microsoft Word®?*** Yes No

How did you hear about the Juris Doctor program?

- From a current student
- From a graduate of the Program
- From an attorney
- Wall Street Journal
- WWW/Internet Search
- Internet Article/Discussion Group/Chat Room
- Radio
- Through word of mouth
- California State Bar
- Other (Please specify) _____

Section II EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Other than Previous Law Study)

Have you graduated from high school? Yes No
If yes, please list the high school and the year graduated:

School Name _____ Year Graduated _____

If you did not graduate from high school, did you earn a G.E.D.? Yes No
If yes, what year did you earn it? _____

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Have you earned any of the following degrees from a school or university accredited in the United States? (For each, name the institution and its state location, month and year awarded, your major, if applicable, and your estimated grade point average.)***

Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree

 Associate in Science (A.S.) degree

 Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree

 Bachelor's degree

 Master's degree

 First Professional or Doctorate degree (M.D., D.D.S., Ph.D. etc.)

 Other degree (describe)

Have you earned a degree from a college or university outside of the United States? ***

Yes No

If yes, on an attachment, please answer items (a) through (d) below:

- | | |
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| (a) Name of Degree | ▪Date Earned |
| ▪School or Institution | ▪Dates of Attendance |
| ▪Address of School | ▪Website of School (if applicable) |
| (b) Was English the principal language of instruction? | Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> |
| (c) Is your native language anything other than English? | Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> |
| (d) Have you taken the TOEFL examination? | Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> |
| If yes, please enter your score _____ | |

Have you taken the Law School Admission Test (LSAT)? *** Yes No

Note: Applicants are not required to take the LSAT.

(If yes, when did you take it and what was your score?)

Month/Year Taken _____ / _____ Score _____

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Section III EXISTING KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW (Including Prior Law Study)

Have you ever enrolled in any resident, distance learning, or correspondence law school in the past? *** Yes No

If *yes*, are you eligible to return to your law school in good standing?***
Yes No

Have you ever taken any law courses (graduate or undergraduate – other than law school courses) in the past? ***
Yes No

Have you acquired substantive knowledge of the law through your employment or life experiences?*** Yes No

If you answered “Yes” to any of the four previous questions, please check any subjects below which you believe you have better than average knowledge.

If you answered “No”, skip to the next section.

- Legal Research
- Contract Law
- The Law of Torts
- Criminal Law/Procedure
- Wills & Trusts
- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Real Property Law
- Business Organizations (Corporations, partnerships, etc.)
- Evidence
- Community Property Law
- Legal Remedies

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Section IV APTITUDE FOR NON-CLASSROOM STUDY

Complete the following quiz by selecting one answer to each question. *** There are no “right” or “wrong” answers. The purpose of the quiz is to help us determine if distance learning instruction is a good option for you.

1. Having face-to-face interaction with my instructors and fellow students is:
 - (a) not particularly important to me.
 - (b) somewhat important to me.
 - (c) very important to me.

2. I believe the study of law through distance education is:
 - (a) an “easy” way to become an attorney.
 - (b) an unproven concept.
 - (c) a viable alternative method to become an attorney – but not an easy way.

3. I would classify myself as someone who:
 - (a) is good at prioritizing tasks and often gets things done ahead of time without being reminded by my instructor.
 - (b) is sometimes poor at prioritizing, needs to be reminded of assignments once in a while and often does assignments at the last minute.
 - (c) is poor at prioritizing and sometimes forgets to complete assignments if I’m not reminded about them frequently.

4. Classroom discussions are:
 - (a) rarely helpful to me.
 - (b) sometimes helpful to me.
 - (c) almost always helpful to me.

5. When a college professor hands out instructions for an assignment, I prefer:
 - (a) figuring out the instructions myself.
 - (b) trying to follow the directions on my own, then asking for help as needed.
 - (c) having the instructions explained to me.

6. When it comes to assessing my own progress, I:
 - (a) feel as if I can keep tabs on my progress, even without immediate or frequent feedback from my instructor.
 - (b) prefer to receive regular feedback from my instructor, but don’t mind if I can’t get that feedback immediately after turning in a test or assignment.
 - (c) need feedback from my instructor immediately and often.

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7. My need to study law through distance education is:
- (a) high – It is my only practical alternative.
 - (b) moderate – I could enroll in a part-time traditional law school near my home or business.
 - (c) low – I have many options available to me to study law.
8. Considering my professional and personal schedule, the average amount of time I have to study on a weekly basis is:
- (a) less than 15 hours.
 - (b) approximately 16 to 17 hours.
 - (c) over 17 hours.
9. When I am asked to use software or technologies that I haven't used before (such as e-mail, chat rooms, electronic classrooms):
- (a) I look forward to learning new skills.
 - (b) I feel apprehensive, but try anyway.
 - (c) I put it off to try to avoid it.
10. If I had to describe my predominant learning style/preference, I would say it is:
- (a) auditory -I learn best when I can listen to an explanation of a concept.
 - (b) visual - I learn best when I can read the course materials or view graphics and other visuals.
 - (c) tactile -I learn best by “doing” (for instance conducting your own research).
11. My personal and professional schedule is:
- (a) predictable, I can generally plan, well in advance, blocks of time to devote to my coursework.
 - (b) generally predictable, but sometimes last minute meetings or events come up that I cannot reschedule.
 - (c) unpredictable, I rarely know when I'm going to have free time that I can set aside for my coursework.
12. My motivation to earn a law degree is:
- (a) very high.
 - (b) moderate.
 - (c) low.

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Section V WRITING SKILLS

Writing skills are important to success in law school and success as a practicing attorney.

In an attachment, please write an essay of not less than 150 and not more than 1,000 words.*** The essay should describe your personal, professional, and educational goals and how a law degree would further these goals. You may describe relevant experiences in your employment, academic background, and personal history in terms of their impact on your professional and intellectual development. Lastly, you may wish to describe the personal qualities you possess that will contribute to your success as a distance learning law student.

The **required** writing sample will be used by the Admissions Office to assess your writing ability, your readiness to pursue law study, and your potential for success in the School's Juris Doctor Program.

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Required Disclosures by Program

Juris Doctor – Attorney TrackSM Program

The method of instruction at this law school for the Juris Doctor - Attorney Track (J.D.) degree program is principally by correspondence. Students enrolled in the J.D. degree program at this law school who successfully complete the first year of law study must pass the First-Year Law Students' Examination required by Business and Professions Code § 6060(h) Title 4, Division 1 of the Rules of the State Bar of California (Admissions Rules) as part of the requirements to qualify to take the California Bar Examination. A student who passes the First-Year Law Students' Examination within three (3) administrations of the examination after first becoming eligible to take it will receive credit for all legal studies completed to the time the examination is passed. A student who does not pass the examination within three (3) administrations of the examination after first becoming eligible to take it must be promptly disqualified from the law school's J.D. degree program. If the dismissed student subsequently passes the examination, the student is eligible for re-enrollment in this law school's J.D. degree program, but will receive credit for only one year of legal study.

Study at, or graduation from, this law school may not qualify a student to take the bar examination or to satisfy the requirements for admission to practice in jurisdictions other than California. A student intending to seek admission to practice law in a jurisdiction other than California should contact the admitting authority in that jurisdiction for information regarding the legal education requirements in that jurisdiction for admission to the practice of law.

Juris Doctor – Executive TrackSM Program

The method of instruction at this law school for professional law degree programs other than for the Juris Doctor - Attorney Track degree is principally by correspondence.

Completion of a professional law degree program at this law school other than for the Juris Doctor - Attorney Track degree does not qualify a student to take the California Bar Examination or to satisfy the requirements for admission to practice law in California. It may not qualify a student to take the bar examination or to satisfy the requirements for admission to the practice of law in any other jurisdiction. A student intending to seek admission to practice law should contact the admitting authority in the jurisdictions where the student intends to seek to qualify to sit for the bar examination or for admission to practice for information regarding the legal education requirements in that jurisdiction for admission to the practice of law.

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Section VI SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

This form may be submitted by faxing or mailing to the following:

Taft Law School
3700 South Susan Street, Office 200
Santa Ana, CA 92704-6954
Fax: (714) 708-2082

Remember, incomplete applications cannot be processed. Often, an applicant's response to certain questions may lead to additional questions. Therefore, you may be contacted by e-mail or telephone requesting additional information or clarification of certain items before we can make a decision.

The last step in the admissions process is a brief telephonic interview. This will take place after your application is deemed complete, has been reviewed by School administration and if it has been determined you are eligible for admission.

Thank you for your interest in the Juris Doctor Program offered by Taft Law School. The submission of this application does not obligate you to enroll should you be accepted for admission. You can expect a response within three business days.

Section VII CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I have read and fully understand the innovative, alternative concepts of education utilized by the School as set forth in the School's *General Catalog* and *Catalog Supplements*. I hereby certify that the information provided in this Application is accurate and complete.***

Date _____ Signature _____

If you are seeking transfer credit for prior law study or applying as a Special Applicant you will need to submit the \$100.00 Transfer Student Evaluation Fee or Special Application Evaluation Fee with this application.

Payable by _____ check or _____ credit card

Card Number: _____ Expiration # _____

Name as stated on the card: _____

Card Security Code: _____

Signature of Authorization to charge the \$100.00 fee: _____