

# Highlights from Kaplan Test Prep's 2013 Law School Admissions Officers Survey

To ensure that students are receiving accurate and up-to-date information on trends in the law school admissions process, Kaplan Test Prep annually surveys admissions officers from the 203 American Bar Association-approved law schools across the United States.\* The survey data helps Kaplan provide informed guidance to tens of thousands of law school applicants each year.

## What Law School Admissions Officers Say About:

► Law School Admissions Trends    ► Trends in Legal Education    ► The Importance of the LSAT®

### On Law School Admissions Trends

Did your school reduce the overall incoming class size for 2013 compared to 2012?



How likely is it that your law school will reduce its class size for the 2013–2014 school year?



How confident are you that law school applications will begin to rebound in the next application cycle?



Did you accept June 2013 LSAT scores for fall 2013 admissions?



Did you accept June 2012 LSAT scores for fall 2012 admissions?



- 54% of law schools surveyed say they cut the size of their 2013 entering class from what it was in 2012. This is consistent with what Kaplan found in its 2012 survey.

### On Trends in Legal Education

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *“The U.S. legal education system needs to undergo significant changes to better prepare future attorneys for the changing employment landscape and legal profession.”*



To what extent do you agree or disagree with President Barack Obama's recent comments that law schools should think about condensing their current three year programs into two year programs for all JD candidates?



*The above question was asked of a smaller subset of survey participants, as the President gave his opinion after the administration of the survey began.*

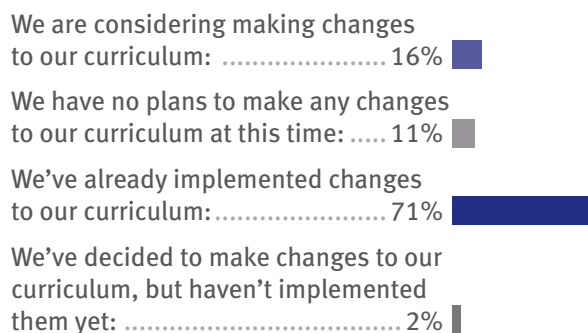
Does your school currently have an accelerated 2-year JD program?



(Only asked of schools who answered "No" to the above question) Does your school currently have any plans to create an accelerated 2-year JD program?



In order to make graduates more "practice ready," some schools have made changes to their curriculum. Which of the following best describes where your school stands in this regard?



How many clinical programs does your school offer?



Are your students required to complete any skills training courses, in addition to general legal research and writing courses?



## On the Importance of the LSAT

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The LSAT is important to law schools because it plays a key role in determining a law school's ranking."



To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The LSAT is important to law schools because it tests skills that are important for success in law school."



To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The LSAT is important to law schools because it is the only uniform, objective measure by which law schools can compare applicants."



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