Deciding When to Apply

Some advantages to taking time off:

- 4 years of academic performance recorded
  - To note an upward trend
  - To get good references
- opportunity to become a more viable candidate
  - Service? Work? Leadership and/or significant responsibility?
- more time to consider whether law is right for you; perhaps explore other career options
  - Must be able to articulate WHY
  - You’re satisfied with and proud of your reasons
- time to do things you’ve always wanted to do
  - travel, volunteer, write, seriously pursue a hobby, etc.
- time for careful attention to the application process
  - End of junior year/beginning of senior year too jammed with other obligations?
  - Need more time for LSAT prepping, writing personal statement, researching and visiting other schools?
- time to figure things out in your personal life
  - Relationship, family issues
  - Where to live (<70% stay in region); etc.
- acknowledging burnout and beginning renewed
  - Take a break; become recharged to begin a new and challenging experience focused and excited.
- opportunity to reduce undergraduate debt burden before beginning graduate school
  - Debt comfort level?
  - Account for career goals