

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*