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The University of Akron
School of Law

ORIENTATION AND MANDATORY FUNDAMENTALS OF LAWYERING COURSE DETAILS



ATTENTION

Prior to the start of classes, **all students must complete our required Orientation program as well as our mandatory Fundamentals of Lawyering course.**

2024 Spring Start Students:

Spring Fundamentals of Lawyering Schedule

- **Day 1** will be held **in-person** at the law school on **Saturday, January 6th.**
- **Days 2 and 3** (about 15 hours total) must be completed **online** between **January 6th and January 12th.**
- **Day 4** will be held **in-person** at the law school on **Saturday, January 13th.**

Spring Orientation Schedule

Orientation will take place **January 9-11, 2024** for Spring Start students. Details about Orientation will be sent by our office of Student Affairs closer to the start of the semester.

Spring classes begin: January 16th, 2024

See reverse for Summer Start and Fall Start Dates

2024 Summer Start Students:

Summer Fundamentals of Lawyering Schedule

- Fundamentals will be completed *asynchronously online* **between May 12th and May 26th** for Summer Start students.

Summer Orientation Schedule

Summer Start students will participate in several orientation sessions **during the week of May 20th** (the week before summer classes begin). All Summer Start students will then participate in the full orientation program with Fall Start students in **August 2024**. See *below* for fall orientation dates.

Summer classes begin: May 28th, 2024

2024 Fall Start Students:

Fall Fundamentals of Lawyering Schedule

- **Day 1** will be held **in-person** at the law school on **Saturday, August 17th**.
- **Days 2 and 3** (about 15 hours total) must be completed **online** between **August 17th and August 23rd**.
- **Day 4** will be held **in-person** at the law school on **Saturday, August 24th**.

Fall Orientation Schedule

Orientation will take place **August 19-23, 2024** for Fall Start students. Details about Orientation will be sent by our office of Student Affairs closer to the start of the semester.

Fall classes begin: August 26th, 2024

ALL STUDENTS:

Please note that all four days of Fundamentals of Lawyering are mandatory. Please plan accordingly as you will not be permitted to start classes in your J.D. program unless you have completed all four days of the Fundamentals course.



**WELCOME TO
THE AKRON LAW
FAMILY**

ENTERING CLASS OF 2024

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ADMISSION!

What an outstanding accomplishment! We are pleased to welcome you to The University of Akron School of Law. You are about to embark on one of the most exciting and challenging journeys of your life. This is a big step toward your future life as a lawyer and our goal is to make the transition as smooth as possible.

This admission packet provides a great deal of information about Akron Law and we hope that it answers many of your questions. Please be sure to read this entire packet carefully, as it contains answers to the most common questions asked by admitted law students.

Five Reasons Why You Should Choose Akron Law:

- Akron Law offers a **practical, affordable legal education**. Full-time tuition is just over \$26,000 per year, and part-time tuition is just under \$18,000 per year, for both in-state and out-of-state students.
- **Guaranteed scholarships**. Any Akron Law scholarships that you may have been awarded upon your admission are guaranteed for up to three years of full-time study or four years of part-time study as long as you remain in good academic standing or are not otherwise excluded from the law school.
- **Dedicated Bar Exam support**. In addition to our Academic Success Program, you will receive the benefit of our **partnership with BARBRI**, which includes all the tools you will need to succeed - a Fundamentals of Lawyering course before you begin your 1L classes, study aids, and a BARBRI bar prep course after graduation (a \$3,300 value) - *at no cost to you!*
- Excellent job placement rates. **97% of 2022 Akron Law graduates were employed within 10 months of graduation**. More than 8,000 attorneys, professionals, policymakers, leaders of industry, and judges (nearly 200!) are counted as our alumni.
- **Flexible degree options and hands-on learning opportunities**. Whether you enter as a fall, spring, or summer start, you have access to our five joint degree programs and six legal clinics. In addition to our full-time and part-time programs, there are a multitude of flexible options available.

If you have any other questions, or if there is anything that we can do to assist you, please contact us at lawadmissions@uakron.edu or 800.425.7668.

We look forward to working with you!

MEET THE TEAM

HAVE A QUESTION?

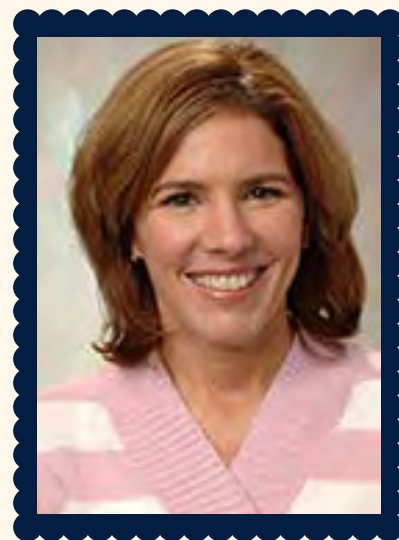
We're here to help! Meet the members of the Admissions Team. We're happy to guide you through this journey! If there is anything that we can do to assist you, please feel free to reach out to us.



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Save your seat at Akron Law

How to Pay Your Seat Deposit

STEP ONE: Visit uakron.edu/law/seatdeposit and enter the required information and click "Pay Seat Deposit."

STEP TWO: Review the information you entered on the previous screen and click "Checkout."

STEP THREE: Enter your payment information and click "Continue Checkout."

STEP FOUR: Review your payment information and click "Submit Payment."

STEP FIVE: Save the confirmation email for your records as proof of payment.



Getting to know My Akron

A step so important it gets its own page!

My Akron is your online gateway to the University of Akron's student information system. **Accessing your My Akron account should be one of your first steps as an Admitted Student.** You will use My Akron for the following important tasks:

- Viewing and Accepting your Financial Aid
- Registering for Classes (after you receive your schedule from Student Affairs, approximately one month before classes begin)
- Checking your uakron.edu email account
- Receiving important emails from Student Affairs and Academic Success
- Checking billing due dates and paying your tuition
- And so much more!

To access your My Akron, you will first need your UANet ID and password. **To receive this, you MUST call Zip Support at 330.972.6888.** It is important that you set up your UANet ID and access My Akron as soon as possible.

VISIT AKRON LAW

The Akron Law Admissions Team welcomes you to join us on campus or virtually. There are several ways for you to connect with Akron Law and our Admissions Team.

In-Person Visits and Building Tours:

We are pleased to welcome you to our beautiful law school! Tours are offered by appointment only. To request a tour, please complete the visit request form at uakron.edu/law/admissions/visit. We can also arrange for you to sit in on a class and meet current students, depending on availability.

Please note that all visitors to the School of Law must adhere to all government and health department regulations.

Virtual Visits:

The Akron Law Admissions Team would be glad to meet with you virtually! Should you prefer a virtual, video-streaming meeting, we are happy to accommodate your request. Please email us to schedule your virtual appointment with a member of the admissions team. Of course, we are also happy to answer any questions that you may have via phone or email.

Virtual Tour:

For those who are unable to visit in person or by video, we have also prepared a virtual tour of our beautiful, newly-remodeled C. Blake McDowell Law Center and we welcome you to enjoy that at your convenience at uakron.edu/law/admissions/



**TO SCHEDULE A PERSONAL VISIT, PLEASE
COMPLETE THE VISIT REQUEST FORM AT
UAKRON.EDU/LAW/ADMISSIONS/VISIT**

YOUR CHECKLIST

This checklist is designed to help you keep track of tasks that you must complete prior to the start of law school. Please find the checklist that corresponds with your entering term.

Fall Entering Students

- Get UA Net ID and password ASAP to set up your MyAkron. Call 330.972.6888 for help.
- Pay your \$350 seat deposit by the due date on your admission letter to secure your seat in our incoming class.
- Complete your FAFSA (school code 003123) by Spring 2024.
- Apply for Grad PLUS or Alternative Loans, by Spring 2024. Visit uakron.edu/finaid.
- Visit My Akron to accept your financial aid by Spring 2024.
- After registration (August 2024), go to the ZipCard office for your student ID.
- In August 2024, purchase a parking permit and register for direct deposit in My Akron.

Spring Entering Students

- Get UA Net ID and password ASAP to set up your MyAkron. Call 330.972.6888 for help.
- Pay your \$350 seat deposit by the due date on your admission letter to secure your seat in our incoming class.
- Complete your FAFSA (school code 003123) between October 1 - December 1, 2023.
- Apply for Grad PLUS or Alternative Loans, during Fall 2023. Visit uakron.edu/finaid.
- Visit My Akron to accept your financial aid by Fall 2023.
- After registration (December 2023), go to the ZipCard office for your student ID.
- In December 2023, purchase a parking permit and register for direct deposit in My Akron.

Summer Entering Students

- Get UA Net ID and password ASAP to set up your MyAkron. Call 330.972.6888 for help.
- Pay your \$350 seat deposit by the due date on your admission letter to secure your seat in our incoming class.
- Complete your FAFSA (school code 003123) after October 1st, 2023.
- Apply for Grad PLUS or Alternative Loans, by Spring 2024. Visit uakron.edu/finaid.
- Visit My Akron to accept your financial aid during Spring 2024.
- After registration (April, 2024), go to the ZipCard office for your student ID.
- In April/May 2024, purchase a parking permit and register for direct deposit in My Akron.

IMPORTANT FOR ALL

- ALL MEN AGES 18-26 must email their selective service number to registrar@uakron.edu by Fall 2022 (if you are a spring start) or Spring 2023 (if you are a summer or fall start).
- If you have moved (or have a lovely new place near Akron Law!), please update us with that new address as soon as you can. You can email it to us at lawadmissions@uakron.edu.
- Every student must request final, official transcripts be sent to us. This is SEPARATE from the transcripts you used to apply to law school through LSAC. We CANNOT use this for your file, as the American Bar Association requires each school to have record of transcripts of each student. More information will follow on the next page.

TRANSCRIPTS

Important information about submitting your official transcripts.

We require a copy of your official transcripts.

Please note that Akron Law requires receipt of your final, official transcripts from every college or university you have ever attended - even the University of Akron. This includes if you attended as a visiting student, part of a postsecondary enrollment program, or as a high school student earning college credit.

▶▶▶ **Please know that the transcripts you submitted to the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) as part of the application process do NOT fulfill this requirement.** The American Bar Association mandates that we must house our own official transcripts.

What is an official transcript?

- a paper or electronic transcript certified by the issuing institution and delivered directly to the law school; or
- a paper or electronic transcript verified by a third-party Credential assembly service and delivered directly to the law school. If you are submitting a hard copy/physical transcript, please note that all physical transcripts must be provided in envelopes that are sealed and signed/stamped by the registrar's/records office - transcripts that are not provided in sealed, signed/stamped envelopes or that are marked "Issued to Student" will not be accepted. All transcripts must bear the signature/stamp and seal of the registrar's office, and the transcript from ANY degree-granting institution must show the title and date of the degree conferred. If one of your degrees is scheduled to post after the first day of law school classes, you must get a letter from your department chair or other appropriate official indicating that all work toward the degree is scheduled to be completed prior to the first day of law school classes. You must then request that your transcript be sent to us after the degree is posted. This letter must be RECEIVED in the admissions office by the same date as your transcripts, as listed below.

Where do I send my transcript?

We will accept both electronic and physical transcripts. Electronic transcripts can be emailed to lawadmissions@uakron.edu. Physical transcripts should be sent to: The University of Akron School of Law, Admissions Office, 150 University Avenue, Akron, OH 44325-2901.

Transcripts must be RECEIVED by January 5, 2024

Spring Starts

Transcripts must be RECEIVED by May 3, 2024

Summer Starts

Transcripts must be RECEIVED by August 2, 2024

Fall Starts

REGISTRATION, ORIENTATION AND FUNDAMENTALS



We know that you are eager to register and begin classes! However, **please wait until Student Affairs informs you, via your uakron.edu email, that registration is available.** This will typically occur a month before your classes are scheduled to begin. If you try to register before you are notified, you will see a hold on your account. Once registration is open, your enrollment hold will be lifted.

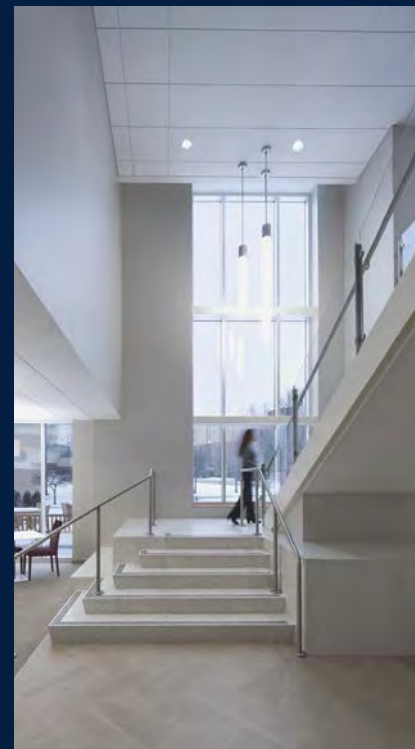
We repeat: no need to panic if you see a hold on your account! Just wait until registration is available.

Prior to the start of classes, **all students must complete our required Orientation program as well as our mandatory Fundamentals of Lawyering course.**

Please see the enclosed flyer regarding the dates of Orientation and Fundamentals for the semester to which you have been admitted.

The School of Law Admissions Team manages two Facebook groups for you to connect with your future classmates. Both groups are closed, so you must click the "Join Group" button at each group's homepage and wait for approval before posting or viewing content.

Search "Akron Law 2024 Entering Class" or "Akron Law Roommate Connection" to request to join either group on Facebook.



Both of these pages are great resources for you to meet your classmates, find a roommate, or view available housing. We hope you "like" this!



FIRST-YEAR EMPLOYMENT

Akron Law strongly encourages first-year students not to work. Full-time students who choose to work are prohibited from working more than 20 hours per week in any semester.

If you are an incoming full-time student who plans to work, you must contact the Asst. Dean of Student Affairs to discuss.

Please note that this restriction is lifted for full-time 2L and 3L students.

DEFERRAL POLICY

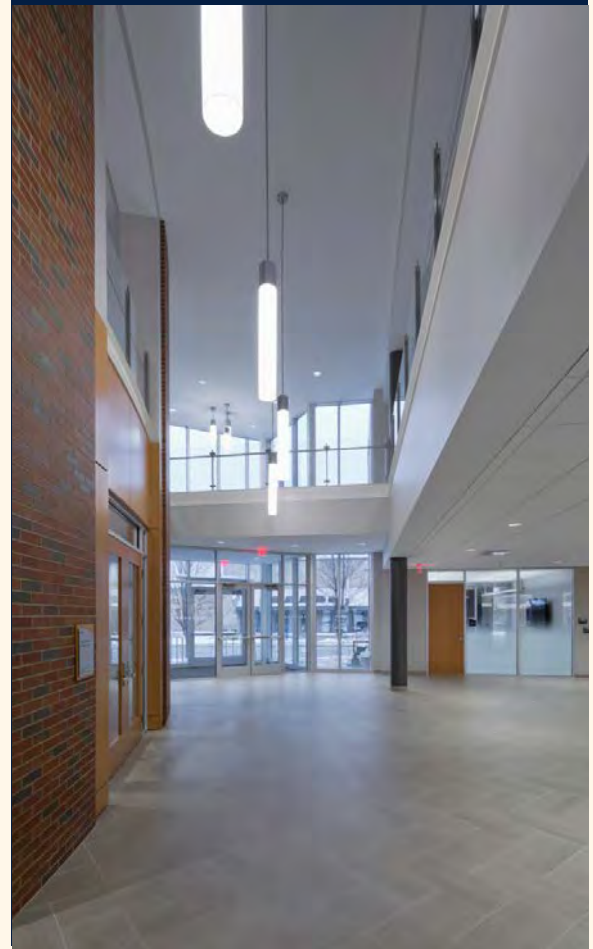
We would love to have you as a member of the Akron Law family, but understand if circumstances dictate a later start date. Akron Law allows applicants to defer their admission for up to one year.

Students wishing to request a deferral must submit a written request to lawadmissions@uakron.edu explaining the reason for deferral. Such requests must be received, in writing, no later than a week before the start of your Fundamentals of Lawyering class. After that date, no deferral requests will be accepted and students must instead reapply for admission for a later term.

All requests for deferrals will be reviewed by the Akron Law Admissions Committee. Two possible outcomes may arise:

- The Admissions Committee may choose to grant your request. In such event, you will need to pay your seat deposit by the deadline required for the subsequent admission cycle; or
- The Admissions Committee may choose to deny your request. If your request is denied, you may still enroll in the current entering class by paying your seat deposit by the deadline or reapply for admission at a future date.

Please note that we cannot defer scholarship offers from one year to the next. However, if an applicant is competitive for a scholarship in one application cycle, it is likely that the applicant will be competitive for a scholarship in a subsequent cycle.



CHARACTER AND FITNESS

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The American Bar Association and the Board of Bar Examiners requires all law schools to ensure that their law students have the necessary fitness and character to be lawyers. That is the purpose of the section of the Bar Exam application entitled, "Character, Fitness, and Bar Exam Clearance." If you find that you need to update the information you provided in your application to The University of Akron School of Law, all applicable supporting documentation related to this section of the application may be sent to the Admissions Office via fax, mail, or email to lawadmissions@uakron.edu.

Please review the questions printed on the following pages from your original application. If an answer has changed or changes affirmatively between now and your graduation from Akron Law, you must provide a written explanation to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

You have a duty to be truthful and accurate as well as a duty to reveal ALL information even if you do not have complete documentation. You must disclose details of the result of any criminal charges (including juvenile offenses). Even if the charges were dismissed, adjudication was withheld, a conviction was reversed, a conviction was set aside, a conviction was vacated, a conviction was expunged, or the record sealed, you must disclose. Contrary advice by legal counsel does not exempt you from this requirement. The charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of drugs, and reckless driving must be disclosed as criminal charges.

Your answers to these questions are confidential and are limited to a determination of your character and fitness to practice law. You are under a continuing obligation to notify the Admissions Office of any changes in your answers to these questions up until the time of your enrollment. Once enrolled, you are under a continuing obligation to notify the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs of any changes in your answers to these questions.

If you answer "yes," to any of these questions, please submit a DETAILED statement that references the question number and that includes the following information (please be as SPECIFIC as possible):

1. Date of incident and your age at the time of the incident
2. Parties involved
3. Description of incident
4. Result (expunged, dismissed, probation, arrest, incarceration, etc.)
5. Degree of misdemeanor or felony and code section (Ohio Revised Code or other state or city code involved)
6. Photocopy of official court documentation, if applicable
7. Information related to post-sentence events (pardon, etc.)

Vague statements are NOT acceptable.

Failure to fully disclose may result in dismissal from the School of Law.

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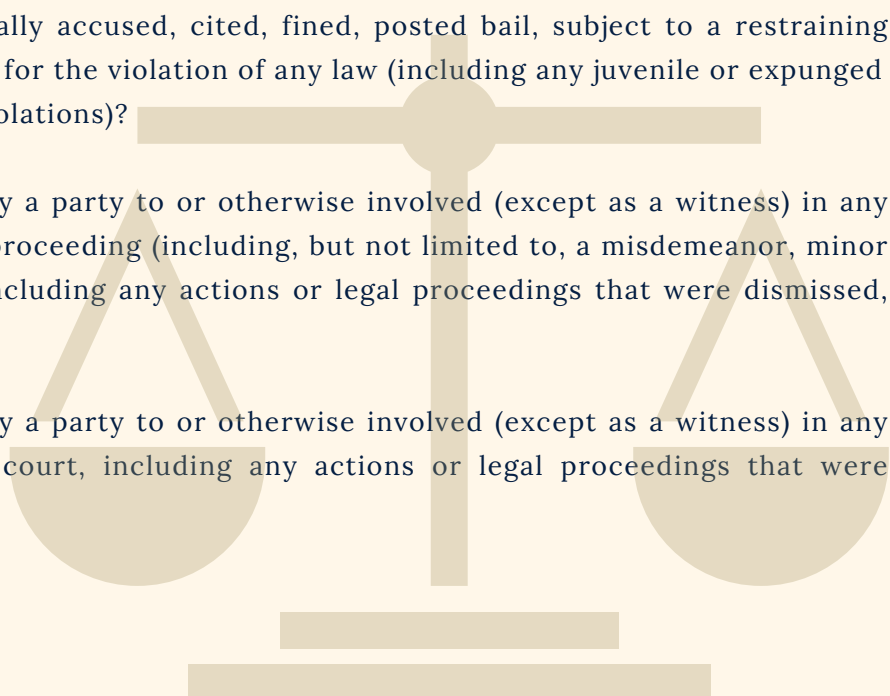
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Character and Fitness Questions are as Follows:

1. Were you ever involved in a disciplinary matter at a college or university; placed on disciplinary (non-academic) probation at a college or university; regardless of the outcome, have you ever been charged with, penalized for, or adjudicated guilty of a violation of a college or university honor code; or have you ever been suspended or dismissed from a college or university, including any actions or legal proceedings that were dismissed, expunged or sealed including any actions or legal proceedings that were dismissed, expunged or sealed?
2. Regardless of the outcome, have you ever been the subject of disciplinary action for plagiarism at any educational institution?
3. Are there any disciplinary (non-academic) charges from any educational institution pending against you?
4. As a member of any profession, have you ever been subject to disciplinary action by a licensing board or professional association, or had any license denied, suspended, or revoked, including any complaints that were dismissed, expunged or sealed?
5. As a member of any profession, have you ever been removed from office, public or private, because of conduct reflecting upon your character or charged with conduct reflecting on your character that could result in removal from office?
6. Are there any criminal charges pending against you?
7. Have you been arrested, charged, formally accused, cited, fined, posted bail, subject to a restraining order, or ordered to do community service for the violation of any law (including any juvenile or expunged matters, but excluding traffic or parking violations)?
8. Have you ever been or are you currently a party to or otherwise involved (except as a witness) in any criminal or quasi-criminal action or legal proceeding (including, but not limited to, a misdemeanor, minor misdemeanor, traffic offense or felony), including any actions or legal proceedings that were dismissed, expunged, or sealed?
9. Have you ever been or are you currently a party to or otherwise involved (except as a witness) in any action or legal proceeding in a juvenile court, including any actions or legal proceedings that were dismissed, expunged or sealed?

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Character and Fitness Questions are as Follows:

10. Have you ever been summoned for a violation of any statute, regulation or ordinance?
11. Do you have any outstanding or unpaid fines, court costs, or tickets, including those for traffic or parking violations?
12. Have you ever been granted immunity from prosecution?
13. Have you ever been cited or arrested for contempt of court for any reason, including, but not limited to, failure to appear as a witness or answer a subpoena or a jury summons?
14. Have you ever been the subject of a court martial hearing, dishonorably discharged from military service, or administratively separated from military service with other than an honorable discharge?
15. Have you ever been terminated, suspended, disciplined, laid-off, or permitted to resign in lieu of termination from any job?
16. Have you ever been sued for a non-criminal act that was alleged to have been intentional?
17. Have you been cited or fined for any moving traffic violations within the last ten years (including moving violations that were dismissed, reduced, or removed from your record)?
18. Have you ever been arrested for or charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol?

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Continuing Duty to Inform

Remember that – as stated on the law school application – candidates have a continuing duty to inform the School of Law if at any time between the submission of the law school application and graduation from law school they are able to answer “Yes” to any of the Bar Exam Clearance Requirement questions. The duty to inform statement from the admission application is reprinted below.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information herein is true. I understand that any misrepresentation of facts on this application could be cause for refusal of admission, cancellation of admission, or suspension or dismissal from the University if discovered subsequently. I acknowledge that I have a continuing duty to inform the School of Law as to any relevant information or change in circumstances that relates to any of these questions of which I became aware after the date of my signature below. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. Section 1232 (g), et. seq., of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1973, I hereby authorize each school or college that I have attended, and the officers and faculty thereof, to make available all my educational records and personally identifiable information contained herein concerning me to the officers and faculty of The University of Akron School of Law.

After enrollment, statements concerning Bar Exam Clearance Requirements may be directed to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

Character, Fitness, and Bar Admission

The information described above is considered by the Supreme Court of Ohio or other state Supreme Court in determining whether a candidate will be permitted to sit for the Ohio (or other state) bar examination. Such matters are not within the jurisdiction of this law school or any other law school. In Ohio, for example, the board of commissioners on character and fitness and/or the Supreme Court in the state(s) in which the candidate wishes to practice law will determine the candidate's eligibility to sit for the bar exam. We recommend that candidates contact the board of bar examiners of the state(s) in which they plan to practice to learn whether or not such information as disclosed in accordance with the guidelines above may prevent you from becoming a licensed attorney.



Remember: when in doubt, disclose it.

ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Any student who has a disability that currently substantially limits learning in a higher education setting may contact The University of Akron Office of Accessibility 330.972.7928 (voice) or 330.972.5764 (TDD), access@uakron.edu, uakron.edu/access for information regarding eligibility for reasonable accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to provide appropriate documentation of the disability according to the guidelines established by the Office of Accessibility. Please contact the Office of Accessibility directly to obtain a copy of the Disability Documentation Guidelines if you plan to request accommodations.

After your documentation has been reviewed by a disability specialist from their office, you will be asked to meet with one of them to discuss your eligibility status and appropriate accommodations if applicable. Once this process is completed, you will receive a letter describing your accommodations that you may present to the Law School. If you have any questions about accommodations for disabilities, please contact the Office of Accessibility.



Emergency text-messaging service (Z-Alert)

Students can sign up for UA's free Z-Alert text-messaging service. Text messages will be sent when campus closes or when a situation arises that immediately affects safety.

To enroll, visit:
uakron.edu/safety/z-alert.dot

As an Akron Law student, you will need your Zip Card - your student ID. Zip Cards are produced in the Zip Card Office on the first floor of Simmons Hall.

Simply present your schedule or admission letter, and a photo ID, and an employee will take your picture and produce your Zip Card on the spot!

NOTE: You cannot receive your Zip card until AFTER you have registered for your first semester classes.

For current Zip Card office hours, call 330.972.5637 or visit uakron.edu/zipcard.

Note that your Zip Card can also act as a debit card. You can use it to pay for vending machine items, copying and printing fees, and for purchases at restaurants and other vendors on and off campus. Manage your account online and view a list of participating vendors at uakron.edu/zipcard.

