



# LEAP: Legal Elite Athlete Pipeline

## From the Sports Arena to the Legal Field

### The Goal

DLA Piper is seeking exceptional student athletes wishing to pursue a career in the legal profession after college graduation. We believe that student athletes have what it takes to succeed in law school and as lawyers – focus, drive, ambition, grit, and a team mindset. The firm’s goal is to support the next generation of successful lawyers, with an emphasis on improving the diversity of our profession and providing opportunities to students who might otherwise not have considered a career in law. Through the Legal Elite Athlete Pipeline, DLA Piper is helping student athletes take the leap from athletics to law.

### The Program

Each year, DLA Piper will select collegiate student athletes who are interested in attending law school. Students selected for LEAP will receive ready access to top legal professionals who can advise on the career path and the opportunity to forge connections with legal mentors.

### The Application

Candidates will complete an online application demonstrating strong academic performance, leadership and participation in school and community activities, a personal statement, and an online recommendation.

In the statement, the candidate is encouraged to focus on any personal growth experiences or lessons that the candidate has learned as a result of the candidate’s background, upbringing, experiences, socioeconomic status, or inclusion in an underrepresented community.

Applicants will be subject to background checks.

**Applications will be accepted from September 2 to November 4.**

## Program Details

### FINANCIAL

- \$1,000 intended for undergraduate or law school tuition, fee or course-related expenses
- \$5,000 law school scholarship to an ABA-accredited law school

### MENTORING

- Annual conference call with Americas Chair Frank Ryan
- Semi-annual calls or virtual meetings with senior partners of DLA Piper
- Semi-annual calls or virtual meetings with an associate mentor
- Registration in Legal Mentor Network
- Access to DLA Piper Professional Development and Recruiting Teams to assist with:
  - Law school personal statements
  - Application assistance
  - Resume building

### ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING

- What you need to know before going to law school
- Name, image, likeness (NIL)
- Artificial Intelligence
- Pro Bono
- What employers are looking for
- Navigating summer employment opportunities

### EXPECTATIONS

- Completion of LSAT prep course
- Applications submitted to an ABA-accredited law school

### COMMITMENT

- One year commitment
- Minimum three mentor calls a year
- Program does not guarantee a position at DLA Piper

## To apply

To recommend a collegiate student athlete for LEAP, or to apply directly, please contact [dlapiperleap@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:dlapiperleap@scholarshipamerica.org) or go to <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/dlapiper>



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