



Invitation to **Participate**

2006 LSSSE

Law School Survey of
Student Engagement



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Your Invitation to Participate in LSSSE 2006

We invite you to participate in the spring 2006 administration of the Law School Survey of Student Engagement. Now in its third year, the LSSSE (pronounced “lessie”) has been used at 73 law schools with more than 34,000 students responding. The results of the survey yield useful information about the quality of law student learning on your campus and contribute to national benchmarks of effective educational practice.

The LSSSE survey is short, reliable, and easy for students to complete. It asks JD students about how they spend their time, what they feel they’ve gained from classes, their assessment of the quality of their interactions with faculty and friends, and other educationally important activities. A copy of the Web-based survey, sample reports, and other detailed information is available on the LSSSE Web site — www.nsse.iub.edu/lssse

What is LSSSE?

The LSSSE survey adapts research on student learning to fit the law school mission and learning goals. Schools find LSSSE survey results to be an enlivening vehicle for self-reflection and self-improvement.

LSSSE is:

- An alternative view of law school quality that focuses on learning.
- A versatile, research-based tool that provides usable information for institutional improvement.
- A source of reliable, credible information of interest to accreditors, alumni, prospective students, and others.
- An annual assessment of how law schools are performing on effective teaching and learning activities.
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Participating Law Schools in 2004 and 2005

American University	South Texas
Ave Maria	Southern Illinois University
Brigham Young University	Southwestern University
Brooklyn	Stetson University
California Western	Suffolk University
Case Western Reserve University	Syracuse University
The Catholic University of America	Temple University
Charleston	Texas Tech University
Cleveland State University	Texas Wesleyan University
Concord	Touro College
CUNY at Queens College	The University of Alabama
Drake University	University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Florida Coastal	University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Fordham University	University of Baltimore
Franklin Pierce	University of Detroit Mercy
Georgetown University	University of the District of Columbia
Georgia State University	University of Idaho
Harvard University	University of Missouri – Columbia
Indiana University Bloomington	University of Missouri – Kansas City
Loyola University, Chicago	University of Montana
Mercer University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Michigan State University	University of the Pacific
New York	University of Pittsburgh
Northeastern University	University of Richmond
Nova Southeastern University	University of St. Thomas
Ohio Northern University	University of San Francisco
Oklahoma City University	University of South Dakota
Osgoode Hall of York University	University of Tennessee
Pace University	University of Tulsa
Quinnipiac University	Valparaiso University
St. John's University	Washburn University
Saint Louis University	Washington and Lee University
St. Thomas University	Washington University
Samford University	Western New England College
Santa Clara University	Whittier College
Seattle University	William Mitchell
Seton Hall University	

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LSSSE Survey Administration

The survey is administered in the spring to students at participating law schools.

- Law schools provide a student data file and customized e-mail messages to LSSSE.
- LSSSE contacts law students via e-mail to invite them to complete the survey at a secure Web site.
- All other aspects of survey administration are handled by LSSSE (contacting students, follow-up with nonrespondents, data collection, and analysis).
- Sampling all JD students at your law school ensures that the results are comparable, meaningful, and credible.
- Students can decline survey participation online and receive no additional follow-up communication from LSSSE.
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LSSSE 2006 Timeline

October 2005 –
January 2006

Law schools submit:

- customized templates of invitation and follow-up e-mails.
- e-mail address of the person signing letters.
- JD student population file.

January 20, 2006

**LSSSE 2006 Priority
Registration Deadline.**

February 2006

LSSSE prepares the sample file for survey administration.

February – April 2006

LSSSE contacts JD students about participating in the survey, and conducts follow-ups with nonrespondents.

May – June 2006

Data collection closes. LSSSE analyzes survey data and prepares reports.

July 2006

LSSSE 2006 reports sent to law schools.



Consortium

Law schools that form a consortium may ask additional questions to meet shared institutional goals. This policy reflects one of the primary goals of the LSSSE project: To help institutions improve the quality of the law student experience.

A LSSSE consortium:

- Is a self-selected group of six or more law schools.
- May ask up to twenty additional questions developed and agreed on by member institutions.
- Shares comparative, aggregated data within their group.

Getting Your Results

LSSSE schools receive a detailed analysis that includes:

- Data file – Individual survey responses are reported anonymously. Upon request from the law school, individually-identifiable responses from their students may be obtained to create links to institutional data for research purposes.
- Law school profile – Customized reports of institutional averages and percentages, grouped by class level, of how students respond to all survey items.
- Aggregated comparative results – Statistical comparisons against the national norms of all participating schools.
- PowerPoint presentation – A customizable presentation template to use in reporting LSSSE results.
- Annual report – An in-depth discussion of national data on effective educational practice and law school improvement initiatives.

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LSSSE results specific to each law school and identified as such will not be made public by LSSSE except by agreement between LSSSE and the law school.

Registration

Please register for LSSSE 2006 online at: www.nsse.iub.edu/lssse

Register early as space is limited. The **priority registration deadline is January 20, 2006.**

To register you need to:

- Provide information about your law school contact (name, address, e-mail, phone, fax).
- Provide information about your law school (total enrollment, full-time and part-time enrollment by class, spring academic schedule).
- Indicate whether you want to participate in a consortium.
- Electronically sign the LSSSE 2006 Law School Participant Agreement.

Law School Participant Agreement

By registering and participating in LSSSE 2006, your law school agrees to the following:

- LSSSE staff will use the LSSSE data in aggregate for national reporting purposes and other legal education initiatives (e.g., scholarly papers). LSSSE may also make data in which individual law schools cannot be separately identified available to researchers interested in studying the law school experience.
- Your law school can use your own LSSSE data for institutional purposes.
- LSSSE results specific to each law school and identified as such will not be made public by LSSSE except by agreement between LSSSE and the law school.



Costs

Required

Law School Participation Fee:
\$300 (*non-refundable*)

Sampling Fee

JD Student Enrollment	Fee
Less than 500	\$2,700
500 to 1,000	\$3,700
More than 1,000	\$4,700

Optional

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JD Student Enrollment	Fee (per institution)
Less than 500	\$300
500 to 1,000	\$400
More than 1,000	\$500

Additional LSSSE Services

In addition to its law student survey, LSSSE and the Center for Postsecondary Research offer a number of services to assist law schools in maximizing their results. These include:

- Peer comparisons
- Special analysis
- Consultations
- Workshops

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Using LSSSE Data

LSSSE provides campuses with information that they can use almost immediately to improve various aspects of their performance and help students get the most out of their law school experience. Schools can use their LSSSE survey results in many ways, including:

- Assessment and improvement
- Accreditation
- Benchmarking
- Self-studies
- Curricular reform
- Grant proposals
- Accountability
- Institutional research
- Student retention
- Faculty and staff development
- Scholarship of teaching and learning
- Student satisfaction
- Recruitment
- Alumni outreach

Want More Information?

Contact us at www.nsse.iub.edu/lssse



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