

## **WAITLIST Frequently Asked Questions**

*1. How do you make admissions decisions for those applicants on the waitlist?*

Our waitlist is not "rank-ordered." If and when space becomes available in the class, the Admissions Committee re-reviews the files on the waitlist. This allows us to consider any new and compelling information that an applicant might submit.

*2. What additional materials may I add to my file?*

If you are still in school, you may send copies of your spring grades and any honors you may have received at graduation. You may also wish to send an updated resume. You are welcome to submit additional letters of recommendation in support of your application. Please be sure the letter(s) includes your name and your LSAC account number. If you remain interested in USC, we suggest that you send a note/email to express your continued desire to enroll on a periodic basis during the summer to [waitlist@law.usc.edu](mailto:waitlist@law.usc.edu). If space opens up in the summer, it is helpful to see recent communication from the applicant.

*3. Is it possible to schedule an appointment with someone in the Admissions Office to discuss my placement on the waitlist?*

Due to the volume of applicants on the waitlist, we are unable to schedule individual appointments. We encourage you to write/email/fax us, so that your correspondence will be where it is most valuable - in writing in your file and available for review by the Admissions Committee. Please send correspondence to [waitlist@law.usc.edu](mailto:waitlist@law.usc.edu). Additionally, the LikeLive video interview program is designed to allow you to give your application a more personal touch.

*4. When do you notify applicants of their decision on the waitlist?*

Applicants will be notified immediately once a decision is reached. We will keep the waitlist active until the first day of class in August. If a space opens up at any time during the summer, we will re-review those who are active on the waitlist and decide who to admit. Most offers of admission from the waitlist will be made through email. So, be sure to check your account on a regular basis.

*5. What are the statistics regarding the number of applicants accepted from the waitlist?*

Typically, we maintain a waitlist of approximately 450-550 candidates. It is difficult to predict how many offers will be made from the waitlist each year. Offers over the past five years offers have ranged significantly. Therefore, we are unable to predict how many offers of admission from the waitlist will be made this summer. During the summer of 2013, we admitted upwards of 200 applicants from the waitlist, but during the summer of 2014 we admitted far fewer. Please keep in mind that many of these candidates did not matriculate at USC as they had admissions offers elsewhere and had made alternative plans.

*6. Should I reserve a seat at another Law School while I wait for a decision from USC?*

We recommend that you reserve a seat in the fall at any law school to which you have been accepted. You should not forfeit your space at another law school based on the fact that you are on the waitlist at USC. Unfortunately, we are not able to predict when you will hear a final decision.

*7. What if I do not wish to remain on the waitlist?*

If you do not wish for any future consideration for a spot in the law school class, please indicate so on the wait list response form. Applicants who simply do not complete the response form may still be considered for available spaces in the class.