PERSONAL STATEMENT QUESTIONS – FALL 2015 APPLICATION CYCLE

**Duke University**
You must submit a personal statement with your application. This is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the admissions committee. Include (1) what you think have been your significant personal experiences beyond what may be reflected in your academic transcripts and on your résumé, and (2) your personal and career ambitions. There is no required length or page limit. The personal statement must be your own work. This means the ideas and the expressions originated with you, and you wrote all drafts and the final product. It does not preclude asking family members, friends, pre-law advisors, and others for proofreading assistance or general feedback.

**Emory University**
You may choose to write about any topic(s) you believe would be most helpful to the Admission Committee. The Personal Statement should not exceed two pages (typed, double-spaced). Applicants will disadvantage themselves by disregarding this limit. Lawyers are professional writers. In our experience, virtually all employers are looking for graduates with superior legal writing skills. Emory devotes substantial resources to teaching legal writing, and all students receive significant individualized attention. Students who come to law school with solid writing skills are in the best position to take advantage of this training. Accordingly, in making admission decisions, Emory looks carefully at writing ability as evidenced by the personal statement.

**George Washington University**
All applicants are required to submit a personal statement (two pages, double-spaced), which should include any additional information you think might be of assistance to the Admissions Committee in considering your application. This statement must be written on separate pages and must accompany this application. Please use an electronic attachment.

**Georgetown University**
You may write your personal statement on any subject of importance that you feel will assist us in our decision. (Please double-space)

**Harvard University**
Please submit a brief personal statement.
Limit your statement to two pages, typed, double-spaced, minimum 11-point font and 1-inch margins.
The personal statement is intended as an opportunity to give the Admissions Committee a better sense of who you are as a person and as a potential student and graduate of Harvard Law School. In many instances, applicants have used the personal statement to provide more context on how their experiences and strengths could make them valuable contributors to the Harvard and legal communities, to illuminate their intellectual background and interests, or to clarify or elaborate on other information in their application. Because applicants and their experiences differ, you are the best person to determine the content of your statement.

**University of Georgia**
Provide a personal statement as an electronic attachment. You may write about anything you deem relevant to your application for admission to the University of Georgia School of Law. Transfer and visiting applicants should state the reason(s) for desiring to attend the University of Georgia School of Law.
University of Virginia
Your personal statement should provide information, in your own words, you believe relevant to the admissions decision not elicited elsewhere in the application. The statement is your opportunity to tell us about yourself; it may address your intellectual interests, significant accomplishments or obstacles overcome, personal or professional goals, educational achievements, or any way in which your perspective or experiences will add to the richness of the educational environment at the Law School. Please upload your personal statement to your e-application via LSAC.

Washington University in St. Louis
A personal statement, approximately one to three pages in length, is required. Successful applicants have written about significant experiences and sources of personal motivation.