Master of Dispute Resolution (MDR) Program

Step-by-Step Application Instructions

**STEP 1:** Create an LLM Account through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) website. Even though you are not applying to our LLM program, you must still create an LLM account through LSAC, as LSAC does not issue alternate accounts. After you create an LLM account, you will be able to select our MDR degree via the Straus Institute online application.

1. Click “sign up now” at: [http://llm.lsac.org/LOGIN/Access.aspx](http://llm.lsac.org/LOGIN/Access.aspx)

2. Create an account by entering your personal information in all required fields, which are marked with an asterisk (*).
3. Enter your contact information, including your current address.
4. In the “Institution of First Degree in Law” section, select the country and state/province where you have earned your undergraduate or graduate degree. If you have not earned a first degree in law, select “Institution Not Listed” under institution and then manually enter the city and institution name, as well as select institution type. Please note that either a bachelor’s degree or a first degree in law, from an accredited institution, is required for the MDR program. (A first degree in law is not required for the MDR program; however, it is required for the LLM programs.)

5. Create account details and “sign” the legal notice.
6. Indicate communication preferences and then click “create account”. You will then be asked to verify that the data is correct. Please confirm to proceed forward with the application process or edit to change any information.

7. Press the button to “Sign up for CRS” (Candidate Referral Service) or select “No thank you, not at this time”. Please be sure to keep your LSAC account number since this will be used for correspondence with LSAC and the Straus Institute.

**STEP 2:** Search for the Pepperdine application.

- Log into your new LSAC LLM account at: [http://llm.lsac.org/LOGIN/Access.aspx](http://llm.lsac.org/LOGIN/Access.aspx)
- Click “School Search” at the top of the page.
c. Choose to “Search Schools – Alphabetical”, then look for Pepperdine University School of Law under the “PQR” schools.

d. Look for Pepperdine University School of Law under the “PQR” schools in the alphabetical range.
e. Click “add” next to Pepperdine University School of Law. Please note that the add button will automatically turn into a “remove” button.

f. Click on “My Home” (A) and then “My School List (B) to find the Pepperdine application after clicking on “My School List”. 
g. Click on blue, bolded, and underlined “Pepperdine University School of Law” (A) to expand school information. Then, click on the blue “Application Information” button (B) to find available applications.
h. Click on “Apply and Submit Online” under the associated program and term you would like to start your studies (i.e., Spring 2018 – Master of Dispute Resolution Application) to begin the application process.

i. Click on the blue “Application” link to start the application.

j. Mark “Yes, I agree that LSAC may provide my contact information to law schools whose e-applications I have saved” and then click “Save”.
STEP 3: Complete application.

- Read “Instructions” and complete all sections under “Questions”. During this time, you may upload your personal statement, resume/curriculum vitae, and response to the mission statement, as well as any academic and criminal explanations.