

# Law School Offers Solace In a Rough Economy

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### **Study: More students turn to law school in failing economy**

*Registration for LSATs has increased more than 20 percent during past year*

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An April study of prospective law students revealed a leading motive for attending law school: the failing economy.

The study, administrated by Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, reported that 40 percent of the 1,040 students who took the February 2009 Law School Admission Test were motivated by today's economic crisis to apply to law school. In addition, the registration for the Kaplan-administered LSATs has increased by more that 20 percent during the past year.

Since 2006, the University's School of Law has seen the number of applicants rise by 113, with 2008's enrollment around 531 students. The law school's LL.M, or Master of Laws, class of 2010 will be the largest since the program's initiation two years ago. The law school building itself can hold no more than its current students, so increased applications would mean more discretion when reviewing new applicants.

The survey highlighted many economic reasons why students would decide to go to law school now. Sixty-seven percent of survey participants said the high earning power of a law degree substantially affected their decision to pursue an education in the field.