The S.J.D. is the terminal degree in law, offered by a distinct minority of law schools in the United States. At the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, the S.J.D. is a research-based degree requiring a dissertation of publishable quality that will qualify as an original and substantial scholarly contribution to the areas of law in which it is written. This degree is designed for academic lawyers and persons seeking a career in academic law in the United States or abroad, or who seek affiliation with other scholarly/public policy enterprises.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Admission to the S.J.D. Program will be determined by the S.J.D. Admissions Committee. To be admitted to the program, you must:
1. Hold a first degree in law (J.D. or LL.B);
2. Hold a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from an ABA-accredited law school**;
3. Demonstrate exceptional promise as a legal scholar, through submission of academic transcripts, prior written work, and at least two letters of recommendation attesting to your academic/professional achievements and ability to complete the degree (One must be from a professor in your LL.M. program);
4. Submit a dissertation proposal that is sufficiently detailed, specific and comprehensive to demonstrate that the dissertation will constitute an original and substantial contribution to legal scholarship, and that you have the ability to complete the proposed dissertation;
5. Be a native English speaker or prove English proficiency by scoring either a 100 on the TOEFL or a 7.5 on the IELTS.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
To be awarded the S.J.D. degree, you must complete and successfully defend, before a Dissertation Committee selected by the law school’s S.J.D. Graduate Committee, a dissertation of publishable quality that constitutes an original and substantial scholarly contribution to the areas of law in which it is written. While word length is not evidence of quality, ordinarily the dissertation will be at least 100,000 words in length. The dissertation must be accepted (passed) by the Dissertation Committee.

You are required to be in residence at the law school for the first two semesters following admission, although in the discretion of the Dissertation Advisor, you may be required to be in residence for a longer period of time. You will be required to submit a written work-in-progress report to the Dissertation Advisor by the end of each semester following admission.

You will be required to conduct for the law faculty at least one colloquium on the dissertation as a work in progress; in the discretion of the Dissertation Advisor, you may be required to conduct additional colloquia for the law faculty or other groups of legal scholars. The dissertation must be completed within five calendar years of admission to the S.J.D. program.

** Applications will not be accepted until the Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree has been substantially completed, and transcripts of the completed coursework are available for the Graduate Admissions Committee to review.

1. Name - Family Name(s) ____________________________ Given Name(s) ____________________________
2. Expected Enrollment (Please indicate the semester and year you intend to enroll at the law school)
   - Fall Semester (mid-late August)   Spring Semester (early January)   Year ____________
3. Research Area of Interest ________________________ Dissertation Topic/Title ________________________
4. Mailing Address (Please notify us if your address changes in the future)
   Number and Street (No post office boxes)______________________________________________________________
   City and State/Province ___________________________________________ Country ___________ Postal Code ___________
5. E-mail Address __________________________________ Secondary E-mail __________________________
6. Telephone Number ___________________________ Accept Text Messages? ☐ Yes ☐ No Secondary Number __________________________
7. Do you use Instant Messaging? ☐ Yes ☐ No Messaging System (ex: QQ/Skype) __________________________ Username/No. __________________________
8. Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) __________________________
9. Place of Birth (City and State/Province) ___________________________________________ (Country) __________
10. Country/Countries of Citizenship ___________________________________________ Native Language __________________________
11. If you are not a U.S. Citizen and are presently in the United States, what is your immigration status?
    Please (1) check the correct box, and (2) attach photocopies of your visa documents.
    ☐ F-1 ☐ J-1 ☐ B-2 ☐ Permanent Resident ☐ Refugee ☐ Political Asylee ☐ Other-specify __________________________
12. Educational Institution from which you received your Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree:

Name of Institution
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Address (City, State) of Institution
________________________________________________________________________
Dates of Attendance __________________________ Concentration (if any) ________________
( □ Earned □ Expected ) Date ___________________ G.P.A. ___________________ Academic Class Rank/Honors ____________________

13. Educational Institution from which you received your first degree in law:

Name of Institution
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14. Educational Institution you have attended to pursue a degree other than law:

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Address (City, State/Province, and Country) of Institution
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Name of Degree ___________________________ Field of Study ________________________
Dates of Attendance __________________________ G.P.A. ___________________ Academic Class Rank/Honors ____________________
( Please include all institutions of higher education that you have attended, and use additional sheets if necessary )

15. Employment experience (if any) OR attach a résumé (please include all work experience, including internships)

1. ________________________________________________________________
   Name of Employer                                          Address of Employer
   Nature of Work                                              Dates of Employment

2. ________________________________________________________________
   Name of Employer                                          Address of Employer
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( Use additional sheets if necessary )

16. Names of two references who will submit letters attesting to your academic ability or law-related employment activities/accomplishments (Each of these letters must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the reference’s signature across the seal)

1. ________________________________________________________________
   Name                                           Title                                       Institution

2. ________________________________________________________________
   Name                                           Title                                       Institution

17. Are you licensed to practice law? □ Yes □ No If yes, where are you licensed? (Country or state) ____________________________
(A photocopy of your official law license document must be submitted)
18. English proficiency for applicants whose native language is not English: Please provide your official score report or have it sent directly to the law school using school code 1325. Minimum score required is a 100 on the TOEFL or a 7.5 on the IELTS.

Test Taken (TOEFL or IELTS): ___________________ Score: __________ Date of Test: __________ Location of Test: __________

19. Are you, or have you ever been, the subject of any disciplinary proceedings, academic probation, expulsions, warnings, sanctions, or suspensions from any law school, college, university, or other post-high school educational program?  Yes  No
If the answer above is “yes,” set forth the dates and details here (Use additional sheets):

20. Are you or have you ever been the subject of any disciplinary proceedings, suspensions, expulsions, or warnings by any professional organizations, or have you ever been denied a license to practice law?  Yes  No
If the answer above is “yes,” set forth the dates and details here (Use additional sheets):

21. Have you ever been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of, a criminal offense?  Yes  No
If the answer above is “yes,” set forth the dates and details here (Use additional sheets):

22. Have you ever been discharged or asked to resign from any employment for reasons reflecting on your character, honesty, and/or integrity?  Yes  No
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23. Personal Statement

On a separate sheet of paper please state: (1) Why you believe you can successfully complete this S.J.D. degree; (2) Your professional goals; (3) How this S.J.D. degree will advance your professional goals

24. Dissertation Proposal. Admission to the S.J.D. program requires approval of a dissertation proposal by the Graduate Admissions Committee. Your dissertation proposal must include all of the following:
- Provide a detailed research plan
- Explain how you would conduct your research (methodology)
- Include a coherent and well-organized dissertation thesis
- Present why your dissertation will make an important scholarly contribution to the chosen field of study
- Show what resources you would need to complete the project.
- Demonstrate that you have already done substantial work in the subject area
- Include a well-organized bibliography

25. Writing Sample. You must submit at least one example of prior scholarly writing, preferably a thesis written for you Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree, although other writings can provide sufficient evidence of your prior scholarship.

26. How did you learn about our S.J.D. Program?

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I certify that the information I have provided is true and complete; that I will notify the Admissions Office immediately if there is any change in the information that I have provided in this application; and that I am the author of the statements or additional information included with this application. It is further understood that any intentional or inadvertent misstatements or omissions may result in the rescindment of my admission, dismissal from law school, and/or revocation of my law degree. I also accept the continuing obligation to maintain the accuracy of these statements and will advise the school of any changes immediately and in writing, including changes that occur after my admission to the law school and during my enrollment as a student in the law school. I further understand that the information contained in this application may be considered by Bar examination authorities during their investigation of character and fitness for the practice of law. By signing, I acknowledge and agree that I have read and understood this Agreement and hereby expressly agree with, accept and consent to, its terms and conditions and to comply with all applicable laws and regulations. I acknowledge the above statement.

Signature of Applicant ___________________________ Date ______________

*Note: Additional sheets may be used for the dissertation proposal and writing sample.*
**S.J.D. Program Application Checklist of Documents:**
Your application will be evaluated when all completed forms and supporting documents have been received. For any questions regarding the admissions process, please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions:

Office of Graduate Admissions ◆ Imprgms@iupui.edu ◆ Skype: iulawindyllm

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**Submit this application and all documentation to:**

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