



"With Merlin, I improved my actual LSAT score from the 52nd to the 90th percentile [152 to 163]"

"Before Merlin, I took a course with a leading Prep Company and was not admitted to Law School. After I used Merlin's fantastic system, my score went up by 35 percentile points and I was admitted to the School of my choice. I was in the top 3% in my class, and I now own a Law Firm in New York."

"My LSAT experience was relatively stress-free with Merlin; I felt relaxed throughout the artfully choreographed process. I attended Law School, took Merlin's Bar Review and passed the Bar first time."

"I started preparing for the LSAT on my own. My practice scores were at about the 80th percentile. I then learned Merlin's techniques; the result was that my actual LSAT score was in the 97th percentile."



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We bring out the Wizard in you!

LSAT Prep - Beyond the Bell Curve !

"My score improved to 172 with Merlin from 160 after a national company's course. The Merlin Method was so much better that I literally traveled from New York to Maryland every week just to attend classes."

Designed by a Georgetown Law Graduate (cum laude) and former Kaplan Instructor

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Taught by Attorneys

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Small Classes

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Detailed, step-by-step solutions to the Logic Games - designed by an Engineer

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Free assistance with the Personal Statement - a crucial component of your application

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We teach you to think like a Lawyer: ace the LSAT and have an edge in Law School

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Continuous E-mail and phone access to your Instructor right up to the day of the Test

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Students who took national companies' courses routinely get large score increases with us

About Merlin Test Prep

Merlin Test Prep was founded in 1995 by Marlon Ritchie, a Maryland Attorney, who graduated cum laude from Georgetown Law (1996) at age 38. He has also conducted LSAT classes for Georgetown University (CMEA), George Washington University, and Hillsdale College in Michigan. Prior to attending Law School, he managed a Kaplan Center in New York for four years, teaching LSAT courses and training LSAT Instructors. He holds BS and MS degrees in Engineering from the University of Leeds in England. He was featured on Fox Television's Special on standardized testing and has appeared on several Radio shows. He was a University Department Chair and an Assistant Dean. One of the unique features of Merlin is that it offers both LSAT Prep and Bar Review, and many satisfied LSAT students return to take the Bar Review.

THE MERLIN METHOD

The LSAT is a standardized test, so the test-takers' results will always be in a "standard distribution" or "Bell-shaped" curve. The test-makers have designed a subtle, sophisticated, system that ensures that smart persons will choose wrong answers. They have cleverly disguised what they are really testing; in fact, the current test is essentially a response to the widespread, mass-production Prep Courses. The fact of the matter is that the LSAT is now a test of fundamental legal skills. The Merlin Method removes the facade, the disguises, and the tricks of the test by getting to the "nitty-gritty" fundamental legal skills. Who can best teach and hone these fundamental legal skills? Also, the Analytical Reasoning (Logic Games) require both the legal skill of rule interpretation and the specialized skills of organization and time-optimization. The Merlin Method uses Engineering Optimization Principles to simplify this dreaded section of the test.



"The combination of the outstanding Merlin Prep Course and the insightful help with my Personal Statement resulted in my admission to Harvard Law. I was one of only a handful of students from U. of MD (College Park) who gained admission to Harvard Law."

Faculty

We use a team of Attorneys. They are all exceptional teachers who are well versed in the Merlin Method. Mr. Ritchie leads the team and he personally teaches most of the Columbia classes. He is the Director of quality-control and, for all students, he is available for phone and E-mail consultations.



Repeat Policy

If you complete the course and wish to wait for the next exam, you will get:

- i) Unlimited "Instructor-on-call" access until the next exam,
- ii) A refresher class,
- iii) Repeat of the final practice tests, and
- iv) A consultation to map out a personalized strategy for improving your score.

Schedule: Classes Start October 4

There are eight (8) two-hour sessions and three (3) "dress rehearsal" practice tests. You have a choice of Weekend (morning) or Evening (7 to 9 pm) classes. Daytime classes are also available. Classes are held in the Columbia Center (20 mins from Baltimore; 35 mins from Washington) and in various other locations in the Washington-Baltimore area.

Tuition - \$1050

Tuition covers all classes, all practice tests, all course notes, assistance with the personal statement, and access to your Instructor.

Financial aid is need-based. Payment plans are available.
Visa and Mastercard are welcome.

"After taking an LSAT review class with a national prep company, I was disappointed with my score. The Merlin Method is much superior: after only four sessions, my LSAT score increased by seven points. Now I've been accepted at William & Mary, my first choice school."