EARLY DECISION CERTIFICATION

Please submit this form with your application or with the Certification Letter for admission. Deadline for return of form is December 1.

EARLY DECISION candidates commit themselves to matriculating at Northwestern Law if admitted pursuant to the Early Decision program. An applicant may not be an Early Decision candidate at more than one school during the same admissions cycle. Candidates applying to Northwestern through the Early Decision program may apply to other law schools on a regular decision basis. However, they must understand and agree that they are required to immediately withdraw all other law school applications if they are accepted to Northwestern as an Early Decision candidate and that they may not initiate any new applications after they have been informed of their acceptance to Northwestern under the Early Decision program.

Northwestern evaluates Early Decision candidates according to the same selection criteria that apply to regular decision candidates. Early Decision candidates' particular interest in Northwestern, evidenced by their designation of Northwestern as their school of choice, is considered by the Admissions Committee, but Early Decision candidates do not have a significant advantage in the selection process. Early decision applicants must complete a mandatory interview. Early decision candidates have the option to interview on-campus, via Skype or off-campus. On-campus or Skype interviews must be completed by November 15. To request an off-campus interview, applicants must submit an application by October 25, and answer the interview question on the application.

Early Decision candidates may apply for financial aid. However, specific information on individual candidates' financial aid awards will not be available until after Early Decision candidates are notified of the decision on their application. Accordingly, candidates who expect financial aid to be a significant factor in determining where they will go to law school should carefully consider whether they want to apply to Northwestern's binding Early Decision program because they will not be able to compare financial aid awards from multiple law schools.

Applicants who are not admitted through the Early Decision program will either be (1) evaluated again in March as part of the regular applicant pool, (2) placed on the general waitlist, or (3) informed that their application for admission has been denied and will not be evaluated again that year.

Northwestern reserves the right to provide peer law schools with the names of applicants accepted under our Early Decision program.

TO THE APPLICANT

I have read the above certification and understand the stated policies and practices that govern the Early Decision program of admission at Northwestern Law, and I wish to be considered as an Early Decision candidate. During this admissions cycle, I have not submitted and will not submit an application for Early Decision at any other law school nor will I enter into an Early Decision agreement with any other law school. If accepted under Northwestern's Early Decision program, I will matriculate at Northwestern Law. I agree to withdraw all my applications to other schools and to refrain from initiating any new applications if and when accepted to Northwestern as an Early Decision candidate.

Applicant signature __________________________ Date signed __________

Print name here __________________________

Social Security __________________________ LSAC account #: L

If applying electronically, print out this form. It will not be electronically transmitted.