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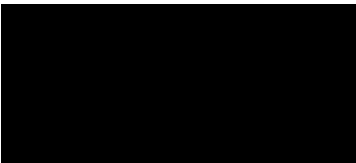
Justin Wang


Dear Justin Wang,

We wish to inform you that, after careful deliberation, our Admissions Committee has decided to postpone making a final decision on your candidacy, and we are placing your application in our Reserve group. Because we are uncertain about the plans of some applicants whom we have already admitted, it is necessary for us to postpone making a determination on your application until May, when we will begin reviewing those candidates on Reserve and possibly offering some admission to our 2026 entering class.

During this admissions season, we anticipate that, altogether, more than 8,000 candidates will apply for the approximately 395 places in our entering class. This year's applicant pool promises to be among the most highly qualified in our history. Competition for admission continues to be very keen. We share your disappointment that, with such an abundance of highly qualified applicants for so relatively few openings, we are now unable to provide you and other highly qualified applicants with a definitive decision on your candidacy for admission.

After considering carefully whether or not you wish to remain in consideration for admission to Columbia this August, kindly notify us of that decision. You may do so by submitting the online [Reserve Response Form](#) as soon as possible but no later than **Friday, May 1, 2026**. If you do wish to remain in our Reserve group, please ensure that the contact information you provide is up to date. I would like to reaffirm that, at this point in the selection process, we are updating your status to provide you with every opportunity to be chosen for admission in our Class of 2029.

Warmly,


Associate Dean and Dean of Admissions

POLICIES AND PRACTICES PERTAINING TO COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL'S RESERVE CATEGORY

Unlike the applicants who are "waitlisted" at some law schools, candidates placed on Reserve at Columbia are not ranked ordinally. Rather, applications on Reserve are reviewed again by the Admissions Committee on a

periodic basis, as openings in the entering class materialize.

If you are currently in school and have not already done so, we ask that you have sent directly to us transcripts covering courses that were not completed at the time of your application. If you are taking courses this term, it would be helpful if you would send us an unofficial copy of your final grades as soon as they are available, in addition to requesting from your registrar that an official transcript be sent to the Law School through LSAC.

Should you wish to submit a letter of continued interest, you may upload a copy (.pdf, .doc, or .docx) at apply.law.columbia.edu/status.

If at any time we determine that further information would be helpful in our upcoming review of your application, we will contact you.

The next evaluation of candidates on Reserve will begin in May. At that time some applicants will be offered admission. Others, however, will be asked if they wish to continue on Reserve in order to be considered for those vacancies that may arise during the summer months.

Because the number of students admitted from the Reserve group varies considerably from year to year, it is not possible to predict reliably how many candidates on Reserve will be admitted in any given cycle. Active candidates should be encouraged, however, to know that most years some applicants are offered admission from the Reserve category, eventually enroll, and proceed to distinguish themselves at the Law School.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continuing interest in Columbia Law School.