

EXPERIENCE DEPAUL LAW



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MESSAGE FROM DEAN JENNIFER ROSATO PEREA



The essential work of lawyers is to solve the most complex problems facing society today—not just in law, but also in business, technology, global affairs, public policy and health care. I believe that being a lawyer, especially now, is rewarding, impactful and honorable. As the most talented problem-solvers, lawyers improve the lives of individuals, organizations, families and communities and lead by example.

This is a great time to decide to go to law school, as the legal profession continues to change, along with the role of lawyers. To train effective lawyers for the future, legal education needs to prepare lawyers who have a broad and deep perspective on legal issues, which includes understanding of theory, policy and other disciplines such as business and technology. Just as importantly, this perspective needs to be seamlessly integrated into an equally strong set of practical skills and deeply grounded ethical values.

The DePaul Law experience includes all of these dimensions ... and much more. We broaden and deepen your perspective through distinctive, innovative programs like the Third Year in Practice Program and Prepare to Practice that build on our strengths and prepare our graduates for emerging fields of practice.

The DePaul Law experience is urban-integrated. This experience provides an amazing variety of opportunities for you to learn and apply what you have learned through experiential and professional development opportunities in and around the global city of Chicago.

The DePaul Law experience is mission-driven. This experience provides opportunities to serve our most vulnerable populations throughout the city in a variety of settings. We further embody our mission through a commitment to diversity and inclusion as well as respect for the dignity of each person.

The DePaul Law experience is community-focused. The faculty, staff and administrators are a community with a relentless commitment to student success. The experience is enhanced by our engaged and distinguished alumni network—over 15,000—and a strong, nationally recognized university. We value individuality and pride ourselves on a supportive environment that inspires students to reach their full potentials.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Rosato Perea". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Rosato Perea

Dean and Professor of Law

EXPERIENCE
OUR CONNECTIONS
TO CHICAGO.





Located in the heart of the city for more than a century, DePaul's College of Law is a respected and integral part of the Chicago legal community. Chicago is a valuable resource for professional and personal development for our law students. Our academic and extracurricular programs offer a multitude of opportunities to connect with the city through coursework, externships, clinical experiences, service opportunities, professional networking events and more. When you study at DePaul Law, you will become part of the thriving, diverse environment that is Chicago.

EXPERIENCE LIFE IN THE CITY.





At DePaul Law, you will study the law in the heart of downtown Chicago—just down the street from the city’s historic business and legal center. You will be exposed to extraordinary cultural, civic and professional experiences in the city, and you can explore Chicago’s eclectic and vibrant neighborhoods.

Discover all that Chicago has to offer, both personally and professionally.

Spend hours studying at your favorite coffee shop ... Discover where some of the country’s best improv comedians, and jazz and blues musicians hang out ... Enjoy some famous food, from Chicago dogs to deep-dish pizza, or discover some of Chicago’s world-class restaurants ... Feel the excitement at a professional sporting event ... or attend one of the many neighborhood festivals. You can find just about anything around the corner in Chicago.

- 3rd largest U.S. city
- 50 museums
- 25+ music festivals
- 190+ live performance theatres
- 26 miles of lakefront
- 7 professional sports teams
- 77 neighborhoods

Explore the Chicago legal scene through local externships or DePaul Law’s Third Year in Practice program ... Assist local clients through one of our legal clinics ... Join a professional organization like the Chicago Bar Association as a student member ... Connect with an attorney mentor through a student/lawyer mentoring program. No matter your interests, you can choose from an array of professional development opportunities at DePaul Law and in the city around you.



“DEPAUL UNIVERSITY’S LAW SCHOOL PROVIDES THE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE WE NEED TO GET A HEAD START IN THE LEGAL WORLD, INCORPORATES DIVERSITY, AND HELPS US

STUDENTS CONNECT WITH WELL-KNOWN ALUMNI AND CHICAGO’S COMMUNITY AND NETWORK.”

SADAF, MJ 2017
JD CANDIDATE 2020



“FACULTY MEMBERS HERE ARE REMARKABLY ACCOMPLISHED IN THEIR RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THEIR STUDENTS AND STRIVE TO PROVIDE A CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT THAT IS BOTH SUPPORTIVE AND RIGOROUS. YOU ARE A VALUED PERSON HERE, NOT A STATISTIC.”

ALLISON BROWNELL TIRRES, PROFESSOR OF LAW



LEARN FROM ACCOMPLISHED SCHOLARS AND DEDICATED TEACHERS.

DePaul's law faculty is a dynamic blend of leading scholars and respected practitioners who inspire learning. Many professors are renowned experts and widely published in their fields, and many adjunct professors are prominent attorneys in Chicago. Our faculty focuses on innovative programs of instruction and brings real-world experience to the classroom. Through cocurricular activities, students and faculty work together in a wide range of disciplines to advance the law. Above all, our faculty puts teaching first.

- In addition to learning from the faculty inside and outside the classroom, first-year students have opportunities to connect with a faculty expert, who can offer guidance on suggested coursework and hands-on experiences to focus in a particular area of law.
- In the last three years, the faculty has authored more than 100 law review articles and book chapters and has published more than a dozen legal academic books.
- Our faculty also makes an impact in the broader legal community through important contributions such as immigration reform, the protection of cultural property, patent law reform and U.S.-Cuba relations, among others.



**EXPERIENCE OUR
EXTENSIVE AND
DISTINGUISHED
ALUMNI NETWORK.**

At DePaul Law, you will be connected to a proud, successful and engaged alumni network. The connections you make will last a lifetime.

DEPAUL'S ALUMNI NETWORK

185,500

UNIVERSITY ALUMNI

15,500+

LAW ALUMNI

350+

CURRENT AND RETIRED
STATE AND FEDERAL JUDGES

120,000+

ALUMNI IN THE CHICAGO
METROPOLITAN AREA

10,000+

LAW ALUMNI IN THE CHICAGO
METROPOLITAN AREA

363

LAW ALUMNI RECOGNIZED BY
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"MY DEPAUL LAW EXPERIENCE INSPIRED ME TO STRIVE TO BECOME A LEADER IN SERVING MY COMMUNITY, AND THE INDISPENSABLE MENTORSHIP AND VINCENTIAN VALUES I LEFT WITH HAVE STAYED WITH ME THROUGHOUT MY CAREER AS A PUBLIC INTEREST ATTORNEY REPRESENTING INDIGENT AND UNDERSERVED CLIENTS."

CHASTIDY BURNS, JD 2012, ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER, LAW OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER AND IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT BOARD



"FOR MANY YEARS, I HAVE MENTORED DEPAUL LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT DEPAUL GRADUATES. IT IS VERY COMMON FOR GRADUATES OF THE LAW SCHOOL TO HELP NEW LAWYERS. IT IS REWARDING FOR ALL INVOLVED. WE ARE DEPAUL!"

GEORGE PEARCE, JD 1979, PARTNER HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP, DEAN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER AND IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR

EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY AT DEPAUL LAW.



As a member of the DePaul Law family, you'll find a friendly and supportive law school community. The College of Law community is built on a rich history of academic excellence, initiatives that support diversity and inclusion, and opportunities for service and hands-on learning. Today, those core values are reflected in our programs and our student body.

- DePaul is well-known for welcoming students of all ethnicities, religions and backgrounds. The College of Law seeks diversity in student backgrounds and experiences to encourage and foster the exchange of different ideas.
- DePaul offers a broad range of public or community service opportunities each year. Law students collectively contribute more than 15,000 hours of service on an annual basis.



“DEPAUL LAW’S ALUMS ARE ALWAYS NEAR AND READY TO HELP WITH THE RIGOROUS ACADEMICS, ENRICHING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS MOOT COURT, AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH. PROFESSORS AND ADMINISTRATORS WORK TIRELESSLY WITH STUDENTS TO SECURE PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.”

SAL DE LOS ANGELES, JD CANDIDATE 2019



DISTINCTIVE AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

DePaul College of Law has long been a leader in developing programs of excellence that are urban integrated, community focused and mission driven.

These programs include health law, intellectual property law and information technology, business and tax law, public interest law and public service, immigration law and human rights, and family law.

IMMIGRATION

Our well-recognized immigration program includes stellar faculty and the Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic, which has trained a generation of immigration lawyers since 1999. The program also assists over 30 immigrant-serving community-based organizations to meet their legal assistance needs, develop resources to improve staff skill and knowledge, and increase their independent legal service capacity.

BUSINESS AND TAX LAW

This program starts with our outstanding business and tax faculty, who inspire our students, and continues with programs that take that inspiration and mold the lawyers and business leaders of tomorrow through key collaborations. These programs include a Business Law Clinic that partners with the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center (CEC) at DePaul, and hands-on experiences at entrepreneurial hubs 1871 and 2112.

CEC

Through a collaboration with the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center, DePaul Law students are able to experience business law practice as they would in the real world. This partnership allows the Business Law Clinic to provide pro bono legal assistance to student owned small businesses and student entrepreneurs who have worked with the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center.

1871 & 2112

As part of DePaul's collaboration with 1871, Chicago's prestigious entrepreneurial technology hub, College of Law students have access to programming, special events, workshops, lectures and networking opportunities with industry thought leaders.

2112 offers DePaul Law students the opportunity to participate in Chicago's first business incubator that is focused on the development of entrepreneurs in music, film/video and creative industry technologies.

HEALTH LAW

DePaul's Health Law program ranked 16th in the nation according to U.S. News and World Report's "Best School of Law Specialties" ranking.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Intellectual Property Law program at DePaul ranked 28th in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report's "Best School of Law Specialties" ranking.

THIRD YEAR IN PRACTICE:

Our Third Year in Practice program, known as 3YP, allows a select number of students to complete general JD course requirements in two years and spend most of the third year of law school engaging in the actual and simulated practice of law. This unique third-year experience combines DePaul's clinical, simulation and professional skills courses with an intensive externship.

In addition to courses tailored to professional interests, students can spend a significant part of their third year working in select government agencies, nonprofit organizations, law firms or corporations under the close supervision of a practicing attorney and a DePaul faculty mentor. 3YP provides students with the professional and academic support needed to transition into the practice of law. Students can apply to 3YP after completion of the first-year curriculum. Detailed information about 3YP is available at go.depaul.edu/3YP.

"THAT'S THE POINT OF THE PROGRAM. GET THEM EXCITED, GET THEM COMPETENT AND BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE, AND THEY ALL HAVE TOLD ME THAT THEIR CONFIDENCE LEVELS AND THEIR COMPETENCY LEVELS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE."

DAVID RODRIGUEZ, FACULTY DIRECTOR,
THIRD YEAR IN PRACTICE PROGRAM



JD CURRICULUM

FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE, READY TO MAKE AN IMPACT.

As a lawyer, you will face a unique set of challenges every day, from negotiating complex agreements to successfully arguing motions in court. That is why DePaul College of Law offers theoretical instruction that will prepare you to tackle cutting edge legal problems, along with creative approaches to practical skills training. In the classroom and in the field, DePaul's comprehensive curriculum prepares you for legal practice.

Graduation Requirements

Juris Doctor (JD) students must complete 86 credit hours to graduate from the College of Law. Full-time day program students are expected to complete the requirements for the JD degree in three years and evening program students should complete their degree in four years. Courses required for graduation are: Constitutional Law; Contracts; Torts; Civil Procedure; Criminal Law; Property; Legal Analysis, Research & Communication (LARC) I, II and III; Legal Profession; Preparing to Practice I and II; six (6) credits of approved experiential education courses; and an advanced legal writing course (legal drafting, senior research seminar or independent study).

Upon completion of the first year, students may transfer between day and evening programs. Evening program students who transfer to the full-time day program will need to complete some required courses in the evening of their second year. After completion of the first year curriculum, registration for both day and evening courses is open to all students.

Legal Writing

Our Legal Analysis, Research, and Communication (LARC) program begins with a rigorous three-semester sequence of classes and culminates in one of our advanced upper-level legal writing courses. Our writing curriculum introduces students to every facet of the legal reasoning process through research exercises and written assignments. Our legal writing courses also have dedicated teaching assistants, which means more personalized attention.

Specialized Legal Writing Sections

- Family Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Public Interest Law

Academic Success

Our Academic Success Program (ASP) shows students how to develop the skills to excel in their first year of law school and beyond. ASP helps develop the skills to prepare students effectively for law school classes, written assignments and exams. ASP also helps students learn to manage the demands of their law school experience. Weekly workshops for first-year students, individual meetings with ASP Mentors, practice exam sessions, and an ASP study aid library are available.

Bar Passage

Our Bar Passage Program introduces students to the bar exam and guides them through bar exam preparation. Preparation begins with developing strong academic skills and selecting a balance of upper-level, bar-tested courses. As students approach graduation, the Bar Passage Program offers workshops and several credit bearing courses that provide students opportunities to develop and practice their bar exam skills using bar exam questions and simulated exams. After graduation, alumni receive bar preparation support all the way through the exam.

Certificate Programs

Arts and Museum Law
Business Law
Family Law
Criminal Law
Health Law
Health Care Compliance
Information Technology Law
Intellectual Property
International and Comparative Law
Patent Law
Public Interest Law
Tax Law

SAMPLE JD CURRICULUM

Find the program that fits you best

DePaul Law's full-time day and evening programs give you more flexibility and options in planning your legal education. In addition to the core JD curriculum, you can choose from a variety of certificates, joint degrees and graduate programs in a number of concentrations. Whether you pursue a traditional JD track or a joint degree program, DePaul Law prepares you to succeed.

	FULL-TIME DAY PROGRAM	EVENING PROGRAM
LENGTH	3 years	4 years*
CORE REQUIRED CURRICULUM	<p>Autumn 1L (<i>sample</i>) Civil Procedure (4 credits) Contracts (4 credits) Torts (4 credits) Legal Analysis, Research & Communication I (2 credits) Prepare to Practice I (P/F)</p> <p>Spring 1L (<i>sample</i>) Constitutional Law (4 credits) Criminal Law (3 credits) Property (4 credits) Legal Analysis, Research & Communication II (3 credits) Prepare to Practice II (P/F)</p>	<p>Autumn 1L (<i>sample</i>) Civil Procedure (4 credits) Torts (4 credits) Legal Analysis, Research & Communication I (2 credits) Prepare to Practice I (P/F)</p> <p>Spring 1L (<i>sample</i>) Constitutional Law (4 credits) Contracts (4 credits) Legal Analysis, Research & Communication II (3 credits) Prepare to Practice II (P/F)</p> <p>Autumn 2L (<i>sample</i>) Criminal Law (3 credits) Property (4 credits) Legal Analysis, Research & Communication III (3 credits)</p>
ADVANCED & ELECTIVE CURRICULUM	<p>Autumn 2L - Spring 3L Legal Profession (3 credits) Legal Analysis, Research & Communication III (3 credits) Advanced legal writing: seminar, drafting, or independent study (3 credits) Experiential education courses (6 credits) Electives (40 credits)</p>	<p>Spring 2L - Spring 4L Legal Profession (3 credits) Advanced legal writing: seminar, drafting, or independent study (3 credits) Experiential education courses (6 credits) Electives (40 credits)</p>
TOTAL CREDITS	43 credits	43 credits

* Upon completion of the first year, students may transfer between the day and evening programs. Evening students who transfer to the full-time day program will need to complete some required courses in the evening of their second year. After completion of the first year, registration for both day and evening advanced and elective courses is open to all students.



“THE PROFESSOR WHO HELPED ME GET A JOB WENT OUT OF HER WAY SENDING EMAILS, MAKING PHONE CALLS AND EVENTUALLY LEADING ME TO AN INTERVIEW.”

MATTHEW ZUZIAK, JD '16, ASSOCIATE, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GROUP, STEPTOE & JOHNSON LLP



“THE GOAL IS TO GIVE STUDENTS A GOOD MIX OF THEORY AND PRACTICE. THAT’S SOMETHING WE DO WELL HERE.”

WENDY EPSTEIN, PROFESSOR OF LAW AND FACULTY DIRECTOR, JAHARIS HEALTH LAW INSTITUTE

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE MAKES PRACTICING LAWYERS.

At DePaul Law, your legal education is about more than just studying cases and theories. It's about mastering professional skills and gaining the confidence you need to enter the legal profession. Our experiential learning program provides you with opportunities to work with real clients on real legal problems in our Legal Clinics, develop litigation and business law skills in our Legal Writing and Skills Courses and work throughout the city gaining valuable practice experience in our Externship Program.

Legal Clinics

DePaul Law has a long tradition of providing students with community-based service opportunities, and the College of Law exemplifies this practice through its clinical programs. Under faculty supervision and guidance, you will earn class credit working with real clients and engaging in legal practice outside the formal classroom setting.

- Asylum & Refugee Clinic
- Business Law Clinic
- Civil Litigation Clinic
- Civil Rights Clinic
- Criminal Appeals Clinic
- Immigration Law Clinic
- Misdemeanor Clinic
- Technology/Intellectual Property Clinic (TIP Clinic®)

Professional Skills Courses

DePaul Law has a strong reputation for graduating exceptional courtroom advocates. Our trial advocacy program allows you to examine and practice fundamental trial techniques through simulated courtroom exercises such as a trial preparation and bench and jury trials.

Competitions

At DePaul, students have many opportunities to participate in interscholastic competitions featuring a wide variety of legal topics from Constitutional law to sports law. In addition to the Moot Court Society and National Trial Teams, DePaul sends additional teams to competitions focusing on transactions, health law, arbitration, international law, and sports law.

Externship Program

Since its creation in 1974, the Externship Program has become a central part of skills training at DePaul Law. The Externship Program offers nearly 200 individual placements each year with various government agencies, members of the judiciary, nonprofit organizations and for-profit organizations in many areas of law. Your field supervisors are respected judges or attorneys who work closely with you, sharing their insights and expertise. Each student is also enrolled in a companion course lead by an experienced practitioner who provides additional direction and counseling. For students who are looking for a more immersive law practice experience during their third year, 3YP takes the externship to the next level. Recent student placements include:

BUSINESS LAW

Holland & Knight
Levy Restaurants, Office of
General Counsel

FAMILY LAW

Center for Disability and
Elder Law
Office of the Public Guardian
for Cook County

CRIMINAL LAW

Cook County Public
Defender's Office
Office of the Cook County
State's Attorney

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Environmental Protection Agency
Illinois Pollution Control Board

HEALTH LAW

American Medical Association
Mt. Sinai Hospital

IMMIGRATION & INTERNATIONAL LAW

Department of Homeland Security
National Immigrant Justice Center

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Chicago History Museum
Rise Interactive

JUDICIAL

7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals
Illinois Supreme Court

LABOR LAW

Equal Employment Opportunity
Commission
Illinois Department of Labor

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Chicago Legal Clinic
Chicago Coalition for the
Homeless
Legal Assistance Foundation

JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

JD/LLM

DePaul Law's JD/LLM (Juris Doctor/Master of Laws) program gives you an opportunity to develop extensive knowledge and practice skills in a specific area of law, earning two degrees in as few as three years of full-time study. Students simultaneously earn a JD and an LLM, an internationally recognized postgraduate law degree, in one of four areas of concentration: Health Law, Intellectual Property Law, International Law or Taxation. DePaul is one of only a few law schools in the nation to offer this accelerated joint degree option.

The JD/LLM program offers advanced training through a personalized educational experience. Students learn directly from—and connect with—faculty experts in their area of study and are provided numerous networking opportunities with alumni and practitioners in the field. Students also benefit from the program's overall flexibility, including customized course schedules and the option to enroll at any time during the JD program. Students are permitted to simultaneously apply nine credit hours of qualifying courses toward both degrees, and may complete the JD/LLM in three years with summer enrollment.

Additional Joint Degree Programs

The College of Law has partnered with several other colleges at DePaul University and a top-ranked law school in Spain to offer five joint degree programs. Each of these programs provides the optimal combination of theory and practice, interdisciplinary offerings and individualized course plans to enhance your educational experience.

JD/MBA

with the Kellstadt Graduate School of Business

JD/MA in International Studies

with the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

JD/MS in Computer Science

with the College of Computing and Digital Media

JD/MS in Public Service Management

with the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

JD/Master's in International & European Business Law

with the Pontificia Universidad Comillas (Madrid, Spain)

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

EXPERIENCE DEPAUL LAW FROM A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE.

We live in a world in which international law, both private and public, is no longer the field reserved for a few specialized lawyers. With the United States tightly interconnected through trade, investment, migration, travel, and security to many other economies and societies, awareness of foreign legal systems and of the network of international private and public legal rules within which we operate is integral to becoming an effective lawyer.

International legal issues arise in the everyday practice of law in such common and diverse fields as family law, intellectual property, immigration, contracts and sales, tax, real estate, wills and trusts, and civil litigation involving parties located outside the United States.

Courses and Experiences

At DePaul College of Law, we appreciate the importance of students acquiring a “global disposition,” a perspective that will enable them to be the most effective problem-solvers in a world that is increasingly and inevitably interconnected.

As such, we offer an array of courses and experiences, including

- **International Law Courses** spanning public international law, international business law, and international human rights
- **Study Abroad Programs** in Madrid, Spain; Berlin, Germany; San Jose, Costa Rica; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Havana, Cuba
- **International Exchange Programs** (semester or yearlong programs) in Vienna, Austria; Dublin, Ireland; and Madrid, Spain
- **International Experiential Learning Opportunities**, including practicums in International Human Rights
- **International Joint Degree Program** (JD and Master’s in International and European Business Law) in Madrid, Spain

We also have internationally-focused centers and institutes—the International Human Rights Law Institute (IHRLI) and Center for Art, Museum & Cultural Heritage Law (CAMCHL)—that support students who wish to pursue particular areas of international law as their professional path.



“THROUGH DEPAUL’S INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, I EXPANDED MY KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW MECHANISMS AND AFFIRMED MY ASPIRATIONS TO PURSUE A CAREER IN INTERNATIONAL LAW. MY DIVERSE TRAVEL EXPERIENCE BETTER POSITIONED ME TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT IN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WHERE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE ARE REQUIRED. DEPAUL IS TRULY UNIQUE IN THAT IT OFFERS A LARGE VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS TO STUDENTS.”

SIMONE, JD, 2016
PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS: COSTA RICA, CUBA, AND POST-CONFLICT JUSTICE IMMERSION PROGRAM IN THE HAGUE



GUIDING YOU ON A PATH TO CAREER SUCCESS.

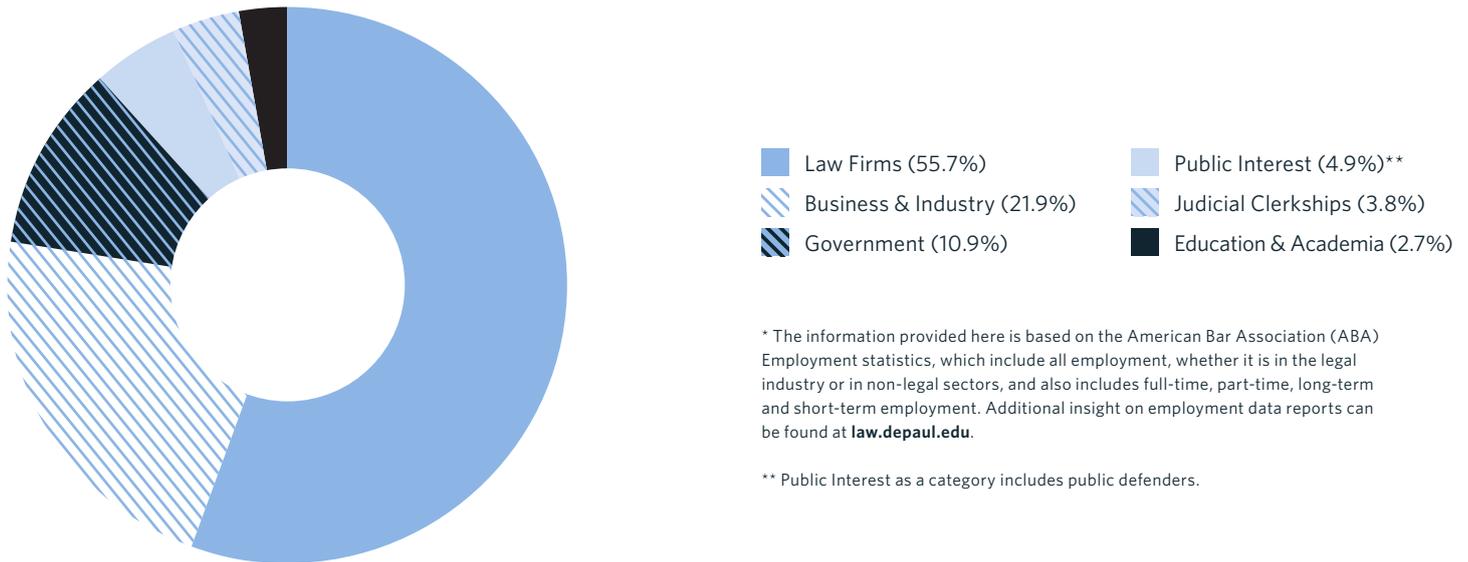
As a law student, it is important to utilize the resources available through DePaul Law Career Services (LCS). Our staff takes a proactive approach in working one-on-one with our students in individualized career advising sessions. LCS's objective is to help you achieve your career goals in whatever area you choose. Your commitment and full participation are the most critical components in achieving those goals, but you'll have guidance along the way.

LCS SUPPORT AND PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Preparing to Practice (P2P) professional development course
- One-on-one job search strategy sessions
- Individualized career plans
- Student/alumni networking programs
- Resume and cover letter development
- Interviewing and networking skills training
- Public and private sector job postings
- Numerous online resources
- Alumni contacts
- Informational and mock interviews with alumni
- Post-graduate judicial clerkship advising
- Public interest fellowship advising

REPORTED EMPLOYMENT TYPE, CLASS OF 2016*

For the class of 2017, update to 80 percent of DePaul law graduates seeking employment reported being employed as of ten months after graduation.



* The information provided here is based on the American Bar Association (ABA) Employment statistics, which include all employment, whether it is in the legal industry or in non-legal sectors, and also includes full-time, part-time, long-term and short-term employment. Additional insight on employment data reports can be found at law.depaul.edu.

** Public Interest as a category includes public defenders.

ORGANIZATIONS RECRUITING DEPAUL LAW STUDENTS***

Allstate Insurance
 Alvarez & Marsal
 American Bar Association
 Andersen Tax
 Banner & Witcoff
 Berger Schatz
 Cabrini Green Legal Aid
 Center for Disability & Elder Law
 Chapman and Cutler
 Chicago Legal Clinic
 Chicago Transit Authority
 Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness
 City of Chicago
 CNA
 Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard
 Cook County State's Attorney's Office
 Council on American-Islamic Relations
 Deloitte
 Domestic Violence Legal Clinic
 Donohue Brown Mathewson & Smyth
 Drinker Biddle
 Edelson
 EY
 Faegre Baker Daniels
 GE Transportation
 Global IP Law Group
 Grant Thornton
 Hanley Flight & Zimmerman
 Harter Secrest & Emery HeplerBroom
 Hinshaw & Culbertson
 Holland & Knight
 Husch Blackwell

Ice Miller
 Internal Revenue Service
 Jenner & Block
 Johnson Law
 Jones Day
 K&L Gates
 Katten Muchin Rosenman
 Kirkland & Ellis
 Kopon Airdo
 KPMG
 Lake County Public Defender
 Lavelle Law
 Leydig Voit & Mayer
 Lifespan Center for Legal Services
 Marshall, Gerstein & Borun
 Mayer Brown
 McDonald Hopkins
 McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff
 McGuireWoods
 Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office
 Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy
 Modrall Sperling
 National Immigrant Justice Center
 Nixon Peabody
 Office of the Cook County Public Defender
 Patterson & Sheridan
 Paul Hastings
 Perkins Coie
 Public Defender Service for the
 District of Columbia
 Reed Smith
 Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren

Schiff Hardin
 Schiller DuCanto & Fleck
 Sidley Austin
 Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
 Stradley Ronon
 Swanson, Martin & Bell
 Taft Stettinius Hollister
 Thompson Coburn
 Travelers
 True Value
 U.S. Air Force JAG Corps
 U.S. Army JAG Corps
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 U.S. Department of Justice
 U.S. Department of Labor
 U.S. Department of Transportation
 U.S. Marine Corps
 U.S. Navy JAG Corps
 Wiedner & McAuliffe
 Winston & Strawn
 Zurich North America

*** The above list includes employers who participated in DePaul Law recruiting programs in 2016 and/or 2017. This is not an exhaustive list.

ADMISSION INFORMATION

DePaul University derives its name and fundamental mission from St. Vincent de Paul, who devoted his life to helping the disadvantaged lead dignified lives. At the College of Law, we seek diversity in students' special talents, qualities, interests and socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. Having students with different interests, goals, life experiences and backgrounds is critical in order to ensure the robust exchange of ideas that is called for in training lawyers and potential leaders. Toward this end, we seek a student body that exhibits outstanding academic and professional promise with varied backgrounds and experience. DePaul University College of Law also is committed to improving the legal community by educating students who will serve the public and legal profession in ways that enhance the social, economic, cultural and ethical values in the broader community.

Electronic Application Process

All applicants to the College of Law must submit all materials electronically through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) and register with the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS). We only accept applications submitted through LSAC. You can access the LSAC Electronic Application and corresponding application instructions at law.depaul.edu or LSAC.org.

Applicants in need of a reasonable accommodation to complete the application process should contact the Office of Law Admissions at (312) 362-6831 or email lawinfo@depaul.edu with their request.

There is no application fee for the JD program.

Admission Policy

Admission to DePaul University College of Law is competitive. We consider numerous factors in evaluating each applicant, including undergraduate academic performance, Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores, advanced degrees and graduate standardized test scores, professional work experience, writing ability, potential for leadership, professional and academic recommendations, and a student's special talents, qualities, interests, and socioeconomic and cultural background. No single factor is dispositive when determining admission. Personal qualities that demonstrate intellectual depth, high ideals and diligence also are considered, as are economic, societal or educational obstacles that have been successfully overcome.

Diversity in background and experience among the members of each entering class is a continuing objective. Having a diverse student body allows us to encourage and foster the exchange of different ideas. In addition, a candidate's prior relations with the DePaul University community and her or his potential for furthering DePaul's institutional goals are considered.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and early application is highly recommended, especially for those who desire merit scholarship and financial aid consideration.

For first-year applicants with no previous law school credit, admission is granted only for the Autumn semester. First-year applicants should ensure that their application and all necessary documents are on file in the Office of Law Admissions prior to the suggested application deadline.

Prospective students who have, or will have, received their baccalaureate degrees from accredited institutions prior to July of the year for which admission is sought are eligible to apply. In no event will anyone who has yet to receive a baccalaureate degree be permitted to enroll in the College of Law. No specific fields of study are prescribed at the baccalaureate level.

It is the policy of DePaul University that no person shall be the object of discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, family relationship status, physical or mental disability, military status, genetic information or other status protected by local, state, or federal law in its employment or its educational settings.

Application Instructions

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

One letter of recommendation is required for all applicants. Additional letters are welcome. Recommendations from an applicant's college professors are particularly useful. Recommendations also may be submitted by employers or colleagues who are in positions to make critical and informed appraisals of an applicant's qualifications.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

The required personal statement should not exceed two pages, and may provide the Admissions Committee with information regarding such matters as intellectual interests and pursuits; personal, family or educational background; experiences and talents of special interest; reasons for applying to law school as they may relate to personal goals and professional expectations; or any other factors that will assist the committee's evaluation of the applicant's candidacy for admission. Applicants also may describe, either within the personal statement or as an addendum, how their admission would contribute to the diversity of the College of Law.

RÉSUMÉ

A current résumé is strongly recommended and should not exceed two pages. It should include a complete employment record and identify honors, scholarships and commendations received; membership in any scholastic, honorary and professional associations; as well as community, volunteer and extracurricular activities.

LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST (LSAT) / CREDENTIAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE (CAS)

All applicants must take the LSAT. DePaul Law will accept LSAT scores taken within five years prior to the date of application. In addition, all applicants must register with CAS through LSAC and submit transcripts for all undergraduate academic work.

Joint Degree Programs

Those seeking a joint degree with a program outside of the law school first must apply and be accepted for admission to the College of Law. Admission is made to the appropriate joint degree program only after completion of the first-year core curriculum in the College of Law with above average academic achievement. A separate application may be required for each program and should be submitted during the first year of law school. In addition, an entrance exam such as the GRE or GMAT may be required depending on the requirements of the program to which the applicant is applying.

International Applicant Information

Applicants who have earned degrees or received diplomas from foreign institutions must submit all materials required of first-time JD applicants. In addition, international applicants should submit their foreign transcripts through LSAC's CAS. Foreign transcripts received will be authenticated and analyzed. We will also accept detailed evaluation reports from any member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). Applicants who were educated in foreign countries, at institutions where English is not the primary language, must also register for the TOEFL (TOEFL.org) or IELTS (IELTS.org).

Transfer Applicant Information

DePaul University College of Law welcomes applications from students who will have completed, within the preceding two years, at least one year of study at another ABA-accredited law school. Transfer applicants may apply for admission to the day and evening programs during the autumn and spring semesters. Transfer applicants admitted to the College of Law may receive up to 30 hours of credit toward the JD degree.

Transfer applicants are required to submit the following: transfer student application form available on LSAC's website, one letter of recommendation from a law school professor, personal statement, current LSAC CAS report, a letter of good standing indicating eligibility to return from all previously attended law schools, and law school transcripts from all previously attended law schools. In evaluating transfer applicants, the Admissions Committee will consider the applicant's undergraduate academic record, LSAT score, law school grades, personal statement, letter of recommendation and other information requested in the application.



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