

## Case Western Reserve University School of Law

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### ■ Welcome

Case School of Law has responded to the growing complexities of the ever-changing legal, social, and economic environments by implementing major curricular reforms. The result is an innovative program that provides our students with an enhanced classical legal education, a phenomenal array of hands-on learning (over 400 spaces in skills courses alone), opportunities for in-depth study in key fields, extensive coursework in emerging and leading-edge areas of the law (178 upper-level courses, 90 percent of which have fewer than 50 students), an understanding of the context in which legal matters and disputes take place, knowledge of other disciplines that can be used to solve legal problems, and unique methods of instruction.

### ■ The Curriculum and Concentrations

**Shape the Law; Serve the World:** We guide our students to become lawyers who help clients achieve their strategic goals by serving as their partners and counselors, and who take leadership roles in their communities and address key societal issues. The centerpiece of our curriculum is the four-semester *CaseArc* program, which coordinates experientially based instruction in fundamental lawyering skills with traditional classroom methods for teaching legal analysis.

**Capstone Service Opportunities:** We offer a capstone service opportunity for every student: our six labs, seven clinics, and three externship programs offer students the opportunity, not only to study the law in practice, but also to contribute to its development. Just a few examples: represent burgeoning art entrepreneurs by drafting intellectual property strategies in our **Intellectual Property Entrepreneurship Clinic**; submit a memorandum for prosecutors in the Iraqi Special Tribunal in Baghdad, the International Criminal Court in The Hague, the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, or the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia through our **War Crimes Research Lab**; provide assessments of the military commissions at Guantanamo Bay in our **Counterterrorism Lab**; do research for the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in our **Global Corporate Governance Lab**; or conduct an examination of a medical expert in a social security disability claim in the **Health Law Clinic**.

**Optional Concentration Program:** Our Concentration Program offers in-depth learning in an area of interest and of value to employers seeking increased contributions from new lawyers. Options: Law and Technology; Law and the Arts; Criminal Law; Business Organizations; Litigation; Health Law; International Law; Individual Rights and Social Reform; and Public and Regulatory Institutions.

**Dual-degree Programs:** Law, Management, Bioethics, Social Work, Biochemistry, Medicine, Nonprofit Management, Public Health, and Legal History.

### ■ Centers of Excellence

The Academic Centers provide rich opportunities that stimulate learning, networking, and career development, and include first-year electives, special seminars and symposia, clinical opportunities, internships, and work-abroad opportunities.

- Law-Medicine Center
- Frederick K. Cox International Law Center
- Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center
- Center for Business Law and Regulation
- Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Conflict and Dispute Resolution
- Institute for Global Security Law and Policy
- Center for Professional Ethics

### ■ Work and Study Abroad

Our students have far-ranging opportunities to work abroad and to receive generous stipends that support their international internships. Each year, we fund up to 15 international law-related summer internships and post-graduate fellowships for work abroad or in the US with an international organization, a governmental agency, or nonprofit agency. Just a sampling of recent placements:

- United Nations Development Programme, Hanoi, Vietnam
- Amnesty International, Washington DC
- Chang Tsi and Partners, Beijing, People's Republic of China
- Government of Dominica, Ministry of Legal Affairs, Dominica West Indies
- International Bar Association, London, UK
- War Crime Research Office, Iraq Special Tribunal for the trials of Saddam Hussein
- International Trade Centre, Geneva, Switzerland
- Special Court for Sierra Leone, Prosecutor's Office, Sierra Leone
- Supreme Court of the Philippines
- Medicins San Frontieres, Rangoon, Burma

### ■ The University and Cleveland

Case stands among the nation's foremost independent research institutions. It is 14th among private universities in federal research and development awards. The law school is located on the university's campus in the heart of University Circle—the world's greatest concentration of cultural and educational institutions.

As the nation's 14th largest metropolitan area, Cleveland is among the nation's premier legal, corporate, and health care centers, providing students with a wealth of local job opportunities, externships, and affordable nearby housing; in 2005–2006, the average per person monthly rent for a single was \$671 and \$392 for shared accommodations.

### ■ Commitment to Career Success

The Career Services Office (CSO) has implemented an ambitious program that delivers to our students real job opportunities with leading employers coast-to-coast. Our aggressive approach to employer development has resulted in great job success for our graduates: 98.6 percent employment rate for our class of 2004 (national average: 91.4 percent); median salary for class of 2004: \$65,000 (national median: \$55,000); 56 percent of students obtained employment through a CSO-sponsored program (national figure: 40 percent); over 43 percent of our graduates took positions out-of-state (national figure: 32.8 percent placement outside of the law school's

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state). Over 400 employers participate in our fall recruitment programs, which include on-campus interviews as well as interview programs in New York; Chicago; Los Angeles; Boston; and Washington, DC.

## ■ Student Activities and Leadership

There are over 45 student organizations, reflecting the wide range of interest of our students, including the largest school-based Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in the country. Our student organizations not only allow students the opportunity to explore legal interests with peers, they also provide a valuable proving ground for leadership skill development. Our student organization leaders have also taken leadership roles in their groups' national and regional organizations, including the Black Law Students Association, the American Bar Association's Law Student Division, the National Security and Law Society, the National Lawyer's Guild, and National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, just to name a few. Our scholarly journals are the *Case Western Reserve Law Review*, the *Journal of International Law*, and *Health Matrix: Journal of Law-Medicine*.

## ■ Admission and Financial Aid

**The Admission Process**—Our admission process is selective. Each applicant receives full-file review. The Early Decision

program application deadline is November 15; applicants are notified by December 20. The regular admission process begins in December and concludes by May 15, at which time a summer wait list is established. The application fee for candidates who apply electronically is waived.

**Financial Aid and Scholarships**—We provide scholarship support to approximately one third of each entering class: Academic Scholarships (\$5,000 to \$32,000); Leadership Grants; Law-Medicine Scholarships; Law-Medicine Fellowships (combination of scholarship aid and summer research position with faculty); Grotius International Law and de Vattel International Human Rights Scholarships.

**Loan Repayment Assistance Program**—We provide financial assistance for selected graduates who use their legal training to provide services that are in the public interest.

## ■ Visiting the Case School of Law

We welcome visits by prospective students. Just check our website for the schedule for the visitation day or daily Taste of Case individual visit that is most convenient for you or to take our "Virtual Tour." Feel free to join in one of our three online message boards that are accessible via our website: Admissions, Financial Aid, and Student Services.

## Applicant Profile

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This grid includes only applicants who earned 120-180 LSAT scores.

LSAT Score	GPA						
	3.75 +	3.50 - 3.74	3.25 - 3.49	3.00 - 3.24	2.75 - 2.99	2.50 - 2.74	Below 2.50
165-180	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Possibility	Slight Possibility
163-164	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Possibility	Slight Possibility
161-162	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Possibility	Slight Possibility
159-160	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Possibility	Slight Possibility
157-158	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Possibility	Slight Possibility
154-156	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Possibility	Slight Possibility
150-153	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Possibility	Slight Possibility
Below 150	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Possibility	Slight Possibility

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