

Florida Coastal School of Law

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■ Introduction

Florida Coastal School of Law (FCSL) was founded upon and is dedicated to the proposition that your future is our first and foremost priority. The student-centered ethos that defines and permeates our institution responds to the reality that today's law school graduates confront a world of unprecedented challenge and change. Professional success in the twenty-first century hinges not only upon academic achievement, but also upon accelerated development of practical skills and effective appreciation of the imperatives of technology, globalization, and multiculturalism.

Until recently, law school graduates could enter the legal profession with the luxury of growing and polishing practical skills during their early years of practice. Today's market realities, however, demand immediate productivity and performance. Knowing that traditional indicators of and grounds for academic excellence no longer accurately predict professional success, we offer a learning partnership that aims to develop the broad spectrum of competencies you must have to succeed.

At the core of our program is a course of study designed to help you effectively reach your career goals after graduation. Formal instruction is delivered by a faculty composed of individuals with records of professional achievement and a sincere interest in sharing their expertise with you. Consistent with the reality that today's law students require more attention to, support for, and facilitation of their interests, faculty responsibilities do not end with the traditional functions of classroom instruction and scholarship. Each faculty member has mentoring responsibilities that include seeking out opportunities for personal interaction and impact.

At Florida Coastal School of Law, student-centeredness is not empty rhetoric. It is at the core of our philosophy, the basis for our founding, and the predicate for our program, policies, and daily interactions.

We invite you to visit our campus and speak with any member of the law school community, particularly our students, and learn firsthand about the nature of our commitment to your future.

■ Our Students

Student-centeredness, multiculturalism as a norm, and a partnered learning experience that effectively prepares you to meet the challenges of an increasingly competitive world are the cornerstones of your educational experience here. Teaching, mentoring, networking, and getting to know you personally and professionally are responsibilities we take seriously. Multiculturalism as a norm means that diversity is not just our future, it is now. Particularly against the backdrop of modern societal and global realities, multicultural functionality cannot be a mere aspiration. Effective interaction with and appreciation of diverse experiences and lives are essential prerequisites for high achievement both personally and professionally.

■ FCSL's Learning Partnership

A learning partnership means working closely inside and outside the classroom with faculty members who are committed to sharing their expertise, experience, and networks; are eager to learn from your life experience; and aim to develop synergies on the basis of shared opportunity and mutual respect. These qualities are among those that have distinguished FCSL as a law school that takes your aspirations seriously. We believe that our supportive learning environment makes a difference in your educational experience, personal growth, and professional functioning. Our students, more than anyone, can attest to the fact that our words and promises are not empty rhetoric. We urge you not to take our representations at face value, but to call or visit us, meet with our students, and learn firsthand of their experience and enthusiasm.

■ Faculty

The faculty includes not only outstanding legal scholars, but also former judges, trial attorneys, government officials, and corporate leaders who interact with students on a daily basis and bring a practical perspective to the learning process. The vast majority of the faculty at FCSL have at least a decade of practical experience in their respective fields of expertise. We consider this an essential factor in developing well-rounded graduates capable of meeting the challenges of the twenty-first century.

■ Curriculum

The infusion curriculum is a program that brings professional responsibility, ethics, values, skills training, multiculturalism, and internationalism into all first-year and some advanced courses as a part of the pedagogical process. Through the use of role-playing, simulations, special problems, and multidiscipline presentations, students directly experience the lawyering process, observe the interaction of law with other disciplines, and acquire an appreciation for the relationship of law to the client, the court, and the community.

■ Center for Law and Sports

FCSL established the Center for Law and Sports in 2005. Florida Coastal School of Law is located in northeast Florida, a rapidly growing region where the sports industry thrives. Its mission is to become a national resource for sports industry attorneys and professionals, sports law academics, and the media. The business of sports, including athletic administration, coaching, sports management, sports medicine, marketing, and manufacturing, is a \$200 billion industry per year. The role of sport in society is powerful because it informs us about existing social values and norms, including cultural, discrimination, diversity, and ethical issues, among others. The center is dedicated to the research, study, and awareness of the legal underpinnings associated with these societal issues. The center offers students a curriculum and a variety of resources in which to obtain a law degree, with a unique concentration and focus on the rapidly changing and dynamic sports industry.

■ Closing Invitation from the Dean

Florida Coastal School of Law has been described as “the most exciting experiment in American legal education.” This description reflects a growing sense of enthusiasm within legal education and the legal profession for our institution’s unique attributes. Foremost among these is the proposition that students are our overarching priority.

Florida Coastal School of Law was founded upon and is defined by the premise that students are the axis upon which our school turns. This originating premise differentiates us from institutions where other priorities make faculty remote from and inaccessible, or even indifferent, to students. FCSL has its share of distinguished and prolific scholars. The entire faculty is composed, however, of persons with extensive experience in the real world of lawyering who consciously have rejected an ivory-tower existence. They have a common commitment and the know-how to provide a legal education that enables you to hit the ground running as a lawyer when you graduate.

Every law school has a mission and underlying value system that define it programmatically and culturally. Ours are rooted

in the premise of student-centeredness. The result is a supportive learning environment where students are seen, heard, listened and responded to, and the administration’s, faculty’s, and staff’s commitment to them and their future is pervasive. Student-centeredness is why FCSL is dedicated to staying small, pursuing its leapfrog strategy that will secure the institution’s prominence and increase the value of your degree, maintaining an environment in which multiculturalism is a norm rather than aspiration, infusing practical skills and international perspective into its program of study, and offering a faculty of teachers and mentors who engage you in a learning partnership that graduates lawyers rather than law students.

To appreciate the difference that these student-centered qualities can make for your future, I encourage you to contact any member of our law school community. I urge you to meet with our graduates or current students, particularly those who have transferred from other law schools. You will be impressed by what they will confirm as the value of learning in an environment that is actively, sincerely, and sharply focused upon your life and aspirations. I welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss our interest in and commitment to your future.

Applicant Profile

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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	2.25 - 2.49	2.00 - 2.24	Below 2.00
175-180									
170-174									
165-169									
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145-149									
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120-124									

Good Possibility
 Possible
 Unlikely