

## Fordham University School of Law

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### ■ Introduction

Fordham law school is an extraordinary place, where a nationally recognized faculty of scholar-teachers and a deep commitment to social justice create an atmosphere in which students feel appreciated and valued as they prepare to become part of the next generation of leaders. Over the past century, Fordham has trained attorneys who have made their mark throughout society. Today, our graduates practice in 49 states, in the District of Columbia, and in dozens of nations around the world. Among our 15,000 living alumni are partners and associates of leading law firms, CEOs of major corporations, academics, and a legion of individuals engaged in numerous areas of public service.

Fordham's central Manhattan location provides instant access to all New York City has to offer, enabling students to begin their careers at the center of the world's legal, financial, and entertainment capital. Such proximity puts students close to a broad range of professional opportunities at some of the largest law firms in the world, the busiest federal and state courts, the US and New York State Attorneys General Offices, a myriad of state and federal agencies, and Wall Street.

Also within easy reach are New York's equally famous diversions. The campus is just two blocks away from Central Park. Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts—home to the world-renowned Metropolitan Opera, New York Philharmonic, and the Julliard School of Music—is right across the street.

### ■ Curriculum

Fordham's faculty prides itself on being teachers as well as scholars. As teachers they recognize the importance of welcoming students, being accessible, and encouraging them. The large faculty enables Fordham to offer 200 courses that reinforce its traditional strengths in contracts, commercial law, corporate law, evidence, and international law, as well as enhance its significant scholarship in the fields of constitutional law and jurisprudence, international human rights, legal ethics, legal history, intellectual property, and clinical legal education.

Fordham also promotes the art and science of legal analysis and the cultivation of a vigorous ongoing dialogue between students and professor through the following nationally renowned academic centers.

**Brendan Moore Advocacy Center** fosters the teaching and study of lawyers as advocates, with special emphasis on client representation at the trial level.

**Center for Corporate, Securities, and Financial Law** serves as the focal point for the school's business law programs and includes roundtable discussions with business leaders, corporate law practitioners, and state and federal regulators.

**Joseph R. Crowley Program in International Human Rights** is one of the nation's premier academic organizations dealing with the rights of individuals throughout the world. The program's annual fact-finding human rights mission to a designated host country is unprecedented in American legal education.

**Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics** promotes the integration of ethical perspectives in legal practice, legal institutions, and the development of the law generally. The center also oversees the Stein Scholars Program, a three-year

program for students who demonstrate commitment to public service and who undertake specialized academic work in legal ethics.

### ■ Cocurricular Activities

There are six student-edited law journals at Fordham, as well as two intramural moot court competitions.

The school also participates in interschool competitions, fielding award winning appellate moot court teams, trial advocacy teams, and alternative dispute resolution teams.

### ■ Worldwide Significance

Long before "globalism" was mainstream, Fordham was devoting resources to programs that, today, are internationally known, including:

- the nation's preeminent Center on European Union Law;
- the school's Stein Center for Law and Ethics (see above);
- an International Antitrust Law and Policy Conference, now in its 32nd year;
- an annual International Intellectual Property Law Conference;
- the Joseph R. Crowley Program in International Human Rights (see above);
- a Belfast/Dublin summer program, which offers two weeks of study in each city with a special emphasis on international alternative dispute resolution; and
- three graduate degree programs—the LLM in International Business and Trade Law; the LLM in Banking, Corporate, and Finance Law; and the LLM in Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law—that have created a network of Fordham alumni in 70 countries.

### ■ Experiential Programs

Fordham's clinical program affords opportunities for students to integrate legal analysis with lawyering theory and skills by assuming lawyering roles or performing lawyering functions in problem-solving settings. With 17 full-time faculty, three part-time professors, one adjunct, and one full-time social worker, Fordham Law's clinical program—one of the largest in the nation—engages more than 300 students in live-client clinics and simulation courses in 13 practice areas, including an innovative interdisciplinary Child and Family Litigation Clinic, where students are placed on teams supervised by law, social work, and psychology faculty. Fordham also offers one of the widest ranges of externship placements in American legal education—more than 250 opportunities at nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations and in state and federal courts.

### ■ Career Services and Placement

Fordham offers a fully staffed career services office to assist students and alumni in planning their careers. For the past several years, between 97 and 100 percent of our graduates obtained employment within nine months of graduation. The program features:

- an on-campus interview program that brings nearly 300 potential employers to campus to conduct more than 5,000 individual student interviews;

- a searchable, proprietary, online database of job listings;
- individualized student counseling, mock videotaped interviews with optional critiques, seminars on interviewing skills and networking, and assistance with résumé preparation, including 24-hour turnaround time for edits.

## ■ Public Service

Fordham believes that the development of a lifelong commitment to public service is an integral part of a legal education. Last year, Fordham law students volunteered 62,000 hours of their time to some form of pro bono work through the school's nationally recognized Public Interest Resource Center. The PIRC's 15 student-run organizations address issues concerning the environment, housing for the poor, domestic violence, unemployment, police brutality, the death penalty, immigration, and community service. Fordham also has created a Loan Forgiveness Program as well as a Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) to assist those who pursue public service careers. Today, Fordham continues to set the standard for law schools nationwide by assisting and inspiring those students who, regardless of their ultimate career choice, are committed to the spirit of *pro bono publico*—work for the public good.

## ■ Living at Lincoln Center

Approximately 120 spaces are set aside for entering students in McMahan Hall, the university's Lincoln Center residence. Students live in two- or three-bedroom apartments, each of which contains private bedrooms, a living room, full kitchen, and bath. Preference is given to those students who live beyond a commutable distance from the law school. Inquiries regarding housing should be directed to the law school admission office.

## ■ Applicant Profile

Fordham law school's Admissions Committee—comprised of full-time faculty members and assistant deans—evaluates each complete application received. While the best available evidence suggests that LSAT scores and undergraduate GPAs should be accorded significant weight in evaluating most applicants, the Admissions Committee believes that securing the most interesting, diverse, and exciting class involves the evaluation of other qualitative factors as well. The combination of academic excellence and experiences is considered in evaluating the applicant's potential contributions to the success of their Fordham and professional experiences.

## Applicant Profile

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

LSAT Score	GPA											
	3.75 +		3.50 - 3.74		3.25 - 3.49		3.0 - 3.24		Below 3.0		No GPA	
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm
170-180	64	59	58	49	73	58	52	30	28	3	1	0
165-169	199	183	315	274	261	171	140	41	89	10	12	9
160-164	416	181	602	142	510	79	312	48	184	14	25	6
155-159	220	15	433	41	423	28	272	16	191	6	21	1
120-154	160	3	354	12	442	7	383	4	513	3	49	1

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted