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■ Introduction

Hamline University School of Law educates students to become professional and ethical lawyers who apply legal knowledge with disciplined imagination and a global perspective. Ours is a community of collaborative faculty, staff, students, and alumni who make a difference to each other and society, while striving to achieve professional and educational excellence. We provide a liberal arts college-style community where students feel welcome as peers. Our faculty includes nationally recognized experts in bioethics, intellectual property, international trade, corporate law, and critical race theory. Other faculty members are renowned for scholarship and academic leadership in dispute resolution, commercial law, state constitutional law, and many other fields.

The school also serves as a catalyst for reframing the legal landscape through distinguished guest speakers, thought-provoking symposia, and nationally recognized centers of excellence, such as Hamline's Dispute Resolution Institute.

■ Library and Facilities

Located within the vibrant cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Hamline is situated on 55 acres of beautifully maintained wooded land. The law building's open architectural design provides easy access to faculty and administrative offices. Both the law building and law library offer wireless access, along with nearly 300,000 volumes and electronic databases, giving students access to the libraries of seven other colleges and universities through a consortium agreement. The newly renovated moot courtroom is a technological showplace where students participate in real-world moot court competitions and observe actual court proceedings.

■ Rigorous and Supportive Learning Environment

Hamline's core curriculum provides the analytical grounding necessary for success. In addition to a rich three-year full-time program, Hamline offers a flexible four-year full-time program. The law school also offers dual degree and course exchange options, which allow students to combine their legal education with a second disciplinary focus in the areas of public administration, management, nonprofit management, organizational leadership, and library and information science.

Led by the internationally heralded Dispute Resolution Institute, our rich curriculum in negotiations, arbitration, and mediation is second to none. Hamline's rigorous offerings reflect considerable depth, enabling students to concentrate their studies in a variety of substantive areas: alternative dispute resolution, corporate/commercial law, child advocacy, criminal law, government and regulatory affairs, health law, intellectual property, international law, labor and employment law, litigation and trial practice, property law, and public law and human rights. Hamline's new Health Law Center also provides students interested in health law with a wide range of courses and learning opportunities.

At Hamline, professors move beyond traditional lectures to offer truly collaborative, student-centered classroom experiences while simultaneously conducting cutting-edge

scholarship. Our professors are dedicated to an open-door policy. An emphasis on seminars allows students to learn in small classes, make presentations, and create original research on topics of their interest, ensuring that students work closely with Hamline's dedicated faculty throughout their law school experience. The Constance Bakken Fellows program provides funding for collaborative research between faculty and students.

■ Experiential Learning: At Home and Abroad

Hamline students further expand their skills by competing in appellate advocacy and negotiation competitions throughout the country and around the world. Hamline's nine legal clinics give students real-world experience in the practice of immigration law, small business planning, criminal law, child advocacy, alternative dispute resolution, education law, and trial practice. Each clinic operates as a small law office with students handling their own caseloads and representing clients.

Likewise, Hamline's externship program enables students to work directly with mentor attorneys and judges, and places students in private law firms, corporations, judges' chambers, public agencies, legislative offices, and businesses. This training allows students to hit the ground running and provides them with valuable professional legal contacts.

Hamline encourages international study for the development of a truly global perspective. Many students participate in an international exchange program with Hamline's European law school partners. Others compete in the Vienna International Moot Court Competition. Hamline provides conferences, classes, and training in London, Paris, Rome, Budapest, and Jerusalem, among other foreign locations. With international lawyers from around the world in our LLM program and our academic programs in Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, Hamline has become one of the most international law schools in the world.

■ A Vibrant Student Community

Opportunities for student involvement abound at Hamline University School of Law. The *Hamline Law Review* and the *Hamline Journal of Public Law and Policy* are entirely staffed by law students. Hamline students also provide editorial assistance for the internationally respected *Journal of Law and Religion*. Hamline students can participate in more than 15 moot court teams, and, with 30 active student organizations, students easily find professional, cultural, and social connections to match their interests.

■ Career Assistance

The Career Services Office assists all students in career planning and job searches. Committed and caring counselors provide informational programs, mock interviews, one-on-one career counseling, networking opportunities, and an online job bank. They also organize on-campus interviews with prospective employers and work extensively with employers to market Hamline law students and to solicit postings and information.

■ Admission and Financial Aid

The School of Law maintains a selection process that emphasizes a rigorous but fair examination of each person as an individual, not merely as a set of credentials. In addition to the LSAT and undergraduate GPA, the admission committee gives significant weight to motivation, personal experiences, employment history, graduate education, maturity, letters of recommendation, and the ability to articulate one's interest in, and suitability for, the study of law. Hamline's admission

policy is designed to enhance the academic rigor, professional dedication, social concern, and diversity of the student body, including cultural, economic, sexual orientation, racial, and ethnic composition.

Prospective students are understandably concerned about how to meet the substantial expense of law school. Hamline responds to that concern by providing a comprehensive financial aid program, which includes merit-based scholarships. At Hamline, 95 percent of law students qualify for need-based loans.

Applicant Profile

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

LSAT Score	GPA																				Totals		
	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		No GPA		Apps	Adm	
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	
175-180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
170-174	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
165-169	2	2	7	7	9	8	7	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	23
160-164	22	22	23	22	29	26	14	12	11	8	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	103	92	
155-159	49	48	42	40	70	65	55	52	27	25	14	8	5	0	1	0	3	0	4	0	270	238	
150-154	50	33	78	45	108	57	95	45	63	21	32	6	15	0	5	1	3	0	2	1	451	209	
145-149	29	10	78	22	104	23	94	10	73	6	37	0	25	1	14	0	1	0	5	1	460	73	
140-144	17	1	28	2	34	0	44	1	42	1	27	0	15	0	9	0	0	0	3	0	219	5	
135-139	1	0	5	0	9	0	19	0	13	0	7	0	9	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	70	0	
130-134	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	2	0	7	0	5	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	26	0	
125-129	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	
120-124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	170	116	261	138	367	179	332	126	232	61	126	14	78	3	36	1	10	0	21	2	1633	640	

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 98% of the total applicant pool.

This chart is to be used as a general guide only. Nonnumerical factors are strongly considered for all applicants.