

## Loyola University Chicago School of Law

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### ■ Introduction

Loyola University Chicago School of Law is located on the Water Tower campus of the university, a few blocks north of the Chicago Loop. This campus adjoins Michigan Avenue at the historical Water Tower, a Chicago landmark, located in the center of the renowned Magnificent Mile. This location provides ready access to the state and federal courts and to the offices of most other institutions of federal, state, and local government, as well as the cultural centers of Chicago. The school is a member of the AALS and is approved by the ABA.

### ■ Library and Facilities

The School of Law relocated to a new building at Loyola University Chicago's downtown campus in the summer of 2005. Renamed the Loyola Law Center, the university building at 25 East Pearson Street provides Loyola's law students with a more modern and enhanced learning environment and reunites the law school with its library for the first time since 1993, when space constraints in Maguire Hall resulted in relocation of the law library to 25 East Pearson. The law school relocation has significantly increased the net square footage per law student and expanded educational opportunities for its students. The university is also investing in other enhanced facilities on the Water Tower Campus. Construction has begun on a 600-bed residence hall for professional, graduate, and upper-class undergraduate students.

The School of Law library is located on floors 3–5 of the Law Center. More than 400,000 volumes enhance Loyola's broad-based law curriculum and support the varied research needs of students and faculty. Offering custom-designed furnishings and private study carrels, the 43,900-square-foot facility creates a comfortable and accommodating atmosphere for users. The library is open 100 hours each week, with expanded hours during examination periods. The law library is fully staffed with professional librarians and paraprofessionals to assist students and faculty.

### ■ Foreign Study Programs

Since 1983, the School of Law has offered a program of international and comparative law courses at the Rome Center for Liberal Arts, the university's campus in Rome, Italy. Each summer, for approximately five weeks, law students from the United States and elsewhere can take one or more of the courses offered in Rome by members of the full-time Loyola law faculty.

In 1997, the law school added a program in Strasbourg, France, at the European Court of Human Rights in the Council of Europe, and at NATO and the Commission of the European Union in Brussels, Belgium. Coursework is completed through Loyola's summer program in Oxford, England.

In 1989, Loyola inaugurated its London Comparative Advocacy Program in which students travel to London for approximately 15 days to become immersed in the world of the British barrister.

In spring 2003, Loyola inaugurated an immersion program at Universidad Alberto Hurtado, a Jesuit law school in Santiago, Chile.

### ■ Special Opportunities

The School of Law has dual-degree programs with the School of Social Work's graduate program in the Department of Political Science, and the Graduate School of Business. Automatic acceptance is granted to the MA in Political Science for candidates admitted to the law school. Provisional admission to the MBA program is granted based upon LSAT score and law school grades. The multidegree programs are structured to allow completion after four years. Loyola offers accelerated LLM programs in health law, child and family law, and taxation to JD students who fulfill program requirements.

### ■ Clinical Legal Education

For students, faculty, and alumni, Loyola's five legal clinics represent a valuable bridge between theory and practice, classroom and career. Through the clinics, the School of Law offers service to others in a way that gives them dignity while providing students with practical legal experience. In spring 2003, the law school celebrated the 20th anniversary of its clinical program that began with the founding of its Community Law Center, followed in later years by the Federal Tax, Child and Family Law, Business Law Center, and Elder Law Clinics.

### ■ Child and Family Law Center

The Loyola ChildLaw Center was created in 1993 to prepare law students to represent abused and neglected children. The center is the first of its kind at any American law school; it was the recipient of the National Association of Counsel for Children 1996 Outstanding Legal Advocacy Award; and it draws on the full resources of Loyola University, including the schools of medicine, social work, and education. The program includes an LLM degree and a master's degree program for nonlawyers.

The law school and Teach for America have entered into a partnership. TFA corps members who are interested in using their legal education to advocate for children's legal interests and well-being will receive an application fee waiver and matching Americorps Awards. One fellowship is reserved for a TFA corps member.

Annually, eight Child and Family Law Fellows are selected from the entering law class. Each fellow receives financial support. At the conclusion of the three-year JD program, students are trained thoroughly to serve as skilled litigators and advocates for children.

### ■ Institute for Health Law

The Institute for Health Law was created in 1984 in recognition of the need for an academic forum to study the field of health law and to act as a vehicle to foster dialogue between the law and the health sciences. Through the institute, the law school offers an SJD in Health Law and Policy and an LLM in Health Law. In addition, it offers the first Master of Jurisprudence (MJ) in Health Law and Doctor of Law (DLaw) in Health Law and Policy, providing health care professionals with an intensive

overview in health law. More than two dozen health law classes are offered in the law school.

## ■ Business Law Center

The Business Law Center was created in 1996 to further enhance Loyola's corporate law curriculum by offering more specialized and practical skills classes to its students. The center offers corporate externships for law students, sponsors continuing education programs for both corporate attorneys and employees, and includes a legal clinic for small business.

## ■ Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies

The Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies is an independent, academically based institute designed to explore the impact of antitrust and consumer law enforcement on the individual consumer and the general public. The institute was founded by a grant from the US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and is supported by Loyola and private donors.

## ■ Advocacy

Loyola prepares its students for careers of leadership at the bar and on the bench. For nearly 100 years, Loyola's tradition of educating and training top litigators has produced some of the country's most accomplished and recognized trial attorneys and judges. The advocacy program comprises a second-year required course in advocacy; courses in beginning and advanced trial advocacy; numerous moot court competitions; the Corboy Fellowship Program in Trial Advocacy for mock trial competitions; and a wide variety of litigation-related courses. A certificate in advocacy is available for students who complete a menu of advocacy courses.

Symbolic of our advocacy success is our selection by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy as the site for two of its

largest advocacy training programs, the Midwest Regional Trial Advocacy Program and the Midwest Regional Deposition Training Program.

## ■ Admission

Factors other than LSAT scores and college grades are considered. Such factors include work experience, personal goals, specialized education, and other evidence of ability to contribute invaluable insight to law classes.

## ■ Career Services

The Career Resources Office assists students and alumni with career planning and employment selection.

A year-round, on-campus employer interview and recruitment program provides employment opportunities.

Seminars by practicing attorneys and alumni, résumé preparation, interviewing techniques, individual counseling, and job-search strategies are just some of the many programs administered by the Career Resources Office.

The School of Law is a member of NALP.

## ■ Cocurricular Activities

Students are encouraged to participate in cocurricular activities. There are six student-edited publications including the *Annals of Health Law*, *Children's Legal Rights Journal*, *Consumer Law Review*, *International Law Review*, *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*, and *Public Interest Law Reporter*. Students compete in more than 10 moot court and mock trial national and international competitions. All students are members of the Loyola Student Bar Association, the principal instrument of student government. There are over 25 student organizations and groups devoted to legal practice, ethnic groups, or law student chapters of professional bar associations.

## 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		3.00 - 3.24		2.50 - 2.99		2.00 - 2.49		Below 2.00		No GPA		Total	
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm
165-180	27	25	29	28	17	16	21	21	11	7	4	2	1	0	0	0	110	99
160-164	88	83	108	92	113	90	69	51	50	29	10	6	1	1	1	0	440	352
155-159	92	27	172	47	193	41	140	23	108	23	23	2	0	0	0	0	728	163
145-154	110	2	190	15	234	23	223	16	219	14	40	1	2	0	19	1	1037	72
120-144	9	0	22	1	40	0	55	0	70	0	35	0	4	0	10	0	245	1
Total	326	137	521	183	597	170	508	111	458	73	112	11	8	1	30	1	2560	687

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.