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■ Introduction

MSU College of Law is fully integrated with Michigan State University—a Big Ten school and one of the top research universities in the world. While we remain a private, financially independent law school, MSU Law is a constituent college within MSU and is located in a state-of-the-art facility in the center of MSU's East Lansing campus. Our association with a major university means that you will benefit from distinctive interdisciplinary programs. MSU Law is fully accredited by the ABA and is a member of the AALS.

■ Enrollment/Student Body

The students of MSU Law represent a diversity of educational backgrounds, experiences, and national origins. MSU College of Law students receive a legal education in the theory and purpose of the law, along with its practical application, thus equipping them to fulfill unique and complicated demands in legal and nonlegal careers.

■ Faculty

The faculty is composed of resident professors who are devoted to the teaching of law, legal research instructors, and a cadre of adjunct faculty members and practicing attorneys who are specialists with extensive experience in the field of law that they teach.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

This major research collection includes the statutes of the 50 states, the United States, and Canada, as well as collections of numerous decisions, legal periodicals, and treatises. The computer lab is equipped with 40 networked computers. Students have access to word processing, CALI tutorials, Westlaw, LexisNexis, individual e-mail accounts, and the Internet. Most classrooms, the library, and some study areas are fully wired, and students are encouraged to use their laptops during class. The law college also offers a complete wireless network throughout the building. In fall 2004, MSU Law completed \$600,000 in renovations to its moot courtroom, making it one of the most technologically advanced teaching courtrooms in the nation.

■ Special Programs

One of the nation's most prominent practicing trial lawyers—MSU Law alumnus Geoffrey N. Fieger, 1979—has partnered with the law college to establish the first trial practice institute at a law school, designed specifically to train law students as successful trial lawyers. The institute offers:

- a rigorous, comprehensive, two-year certificate program designed in collaboration with practicing trial lawyers and judges
- a selective admission process that admits students based on their potential for successful trial advocacy
- a scholarship program
- an annual lecture series that showcases nationally known trial lawyers

- hands-on learning experiences through clinics, externships, field placements, and simulations
- the law college's moot courtroom, one of the most technologically advanced teaching courtrooms in the nation
- national and international trial advocacy and moot court competition teams
- interdisciplinary learning opportunities, which include collaborations with the MSU Department of Theatre to teach courtroom communication and the study of forensic science

MSU Law Concentrations include alternative dispute resolution, corporate law, criminal law, environmental and natural resource law, family law, health law, intellectual property and communications law, international and comparative law, public law and regulation, and taxation. The concentrations allow students to use a portion of their elective credits to develop expertise in a particular practice area.

Certificate Programs—In addition to the Trial Practice Certificate Program, MSU Law offers an Indigenous Law Certificate Program and a Child and Family Advocacy Certificate Program in cooperation with the MSU School of Social Work.

Dual Degrees—MSU Law's affiliation with MSU—and its relationship with Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids—make it possible for law students to pursue both a JD and another advanced degree at the same time. You can choose from 15 dual-degree programs in the following areas: accounting; business; bioethics, humanities, and society; English; fisheries and wildlife; forestry; labor relations and human resources; park, recreation, and tourism resources; taxation; or urban and regional planning. It is possible to earn a law degree and a master's degree in just four years. A joint LLB/JD degree program is available in conjunction with the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law.

Study-abroad Programs—The MSU Law Canadian Summer Externship Program and Canadian Study Abroad Program provide students with the opportunity to study US-Canadian and international law and gain legal work experience in Ottawa. The Study Abroad in Mexico Program gives students international law experience during one-, two-, or three-week summer programs in Guadalajara.

Dean Charles H. King Scholarship Program is designed to enhance educational opportunities for high achievers by offering selected candidates a substantial scholarship to study law at MSU Law. King Scholars receive merit-based scholarships that cover 100 percent of tuition. First-year students must have a minimum 161 LSAT score and 3.5 undergraduate grade-point average to be considered for the King Scholarship.

A Master of Laws (LLM) program requiring one full year of study is offered for foreign lawyers. An LLM/MJ (Master of Jurisprudence) is offered in Intellectual Property and Communications Law for domestic and foreign students.

■ Admission

MSU Law is committed to a broad inquiry into the role and function of law in society and seeks a diverse student body as an integral part of its educational program. The primary considerations for admission are the applicant's undergraduate grade-point average and LSAT score.

■ Curricular Activities

MSU Law Clinics—MSU Law operates six law clinics to benefit low-income citizens and give law students an opportunity to put their legal knowledge into practice. Second- and third-year law students can provide legal counsel under the supervision of clinic faculty who are members of the State Bar of Michigan. The clinics include Rental Housing, Tax, Small Business and Nonprofit Law, Chance at Childhood Law and Social Work, Indigenous Law, and Midwest Student Press Clinic.

Externships—The MSU Law externship programs are classified under three broad categories: judicial, legal aid, and government attorney externships. There is a Washington, DC, federal externship program in addition to an innovative environmental law externship. Students may propose externships as well.

The Law Review, *Journal of International Law*, and Moot Court and Trial Advocacy Board each provide students with opportunities to excel academically and practice their lawyering, legal research, and writing skills.

■ Student Activities

ABA/Law Student Division, ACLU of MSU Law, Amnesty International, Asian Pacific American Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Business Law Society, Canadian Student Legal Association, Chinese Legal Society, Christian Legal Society, Delta Theta Phi, Entertainment and Sports Law Society, Environmental Law Society, Family Law Society, Federalist Society, Intellectual Property Law Society, International Law Society, Jewish Legal Organization of MSU Law, Jewish Legal Society, *Journal of International Law*, *Journal of Medicine and Law*, Labor and Employment Law Society, *Michigan State Intellectual Property Review*, *Michigan State Law Review*, Medical Legal Society, Military Law Society, Moot Court and Advocacy Board, MSU Law Basketball Association, MSU Law Ice Hockey Club, MSU Law Rugby, Phi Alpha Delta, Phi Delta Phi, Public Interest Law Society, St. Thomas More Society, Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Student Bar Association, Tax and Estate Planning Society, Triangle Bar Association, Wolverine Student Bar Association, and Women's Law Caucus.

Applicant Profile

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

LSAT Score	GPA																				Total		
	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	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
170-174	6	6	2	2	0	0	1	1	3	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	15	15	
165-169	11	10	14	13	9	8	13	13	5	5	4	4	5	5	2	1	0	0	1	1	64	60	
160-164	52	49	57	54	60	58	46	43	33	32	19	16	8	5	2	1	0	0	5	3	282	261	
155-159	51	50	96	95	80	75	106	94	56	44	38	20	24	7	9	4	2	0	3	2	465	391	
150-154	55	41	112	64	185	58	193	50	125	22	75	7	44	3	18	0	3	0	11	2	821	247	
145-149	39	4	80	9	125	8	130	2	102	2	66	1	28	0	17	1	4	0	7	1	598	28	
140-144	11	1	29	0	54	2	63	0	60	3	39	0	22	0	12	1	2	0	7	1	299	8	
135-139	4	0	7	0	20	0	30	0	26	0	14	0	12	0	15	0	1	0	4	0	133	0	
130-134	0	0	2	0	4	0	6	0	8	0	8	0	7	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	43	0	
125-129	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	
120-124	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
Total	230	162	401	237	539	209	590	204	421	111	270	48	151	21	80	9	16	1	40	10	2738	1012	

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 98% of the total applicant pool.