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■ Introduction

Located on a sprawling 12-acre campus just 20 miles from New York City, Pace University School of Law combines the beauty of open spaces and classic buildings with the convenience of technology and the amenities of a small, vibrant urban community. Law firms are abundant in White Plains, the federal and district courthouses are close by, and the new City Center has just been built.

The law school is home to the New York State Judicial Institute, an innovative center for judicial education and the only center of its kind in the United States. Students working with the institute through the Center for Judicial Studies will pursue a rigorous course of study leading to enhanced opportunities for judicial fellowships and clerkships.

Students are attracted nationally and from abroad for our congenial atmosphere, diverse population, and our award winning centers. Extensive opportunities exist through our clinics, externships, and internships for students to learn practical lawyering skills and to become litigators.

Pace law school has a history of student-centered growth and innovation built on a foundation of deep mutual respect between faculty and students. Students from diverse backgrounds come together to learn lawyering skills, gain vital professional experience, and contribute to the creation of a more just society.

■ Curriculum

The JD program provides students with the fundamental skills necessary to the practice of law nationally, and the flexibility to shape their elective coursework based on particular career goals. The curriculum is based on the concept that rigorous standards and high-quality teaching can coexist with an atmosphere congenial to learning and enjoyment. Students can obtain certificates in Environmental Law and in International Law by completing a sequence of courses with a specified GPA in the applicable area. Pace offers the opportunity to pursue joint degrees in the JD/MBA and JD/MPA with Pace University, as well as the JD/MEM with Yale University School of Forestry, JD/MS in Environmental Policy with Bard College, and a JD/MA in Women's History with Sarah Lawrence College. These programs can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis. Graduate law degrees, LLM in Comparative Legal Studies or Environmental Law and an SJD in Environmental Law, attract attorneys from around the world.

The majority of classes have less than 25 students, which enables close faculty-student relationships. The range of scholarship reflects a faculty of diverse interests, and the curriculum offers courses in traditional areas of legal study, legal theory, and specialized studies. Curricular concentrations include civil litigation, constitutional law, commercial law, corporate law, criminal law and criminal procedure, evidence, family law, real estate, women's justice, and land use law. Faculty scholarship also covers such specialized areas as the Americans with Disabilities Act, children's legal representation, environmental and toxic torts, equal pay, hazardous waste, health care fraud, international commercial law, land use, admiralty law, legal and ethical issues in health care, nonprofit

organizations, prosecutorial and judicial ethics, racially motivated violence, securities fraud, and white collar crime.

■ Advocacy and Skills Training

The Women's Justice Center is a training, resource, and direct legal services center that trains thousands of judges, attorneys, and others who work to eradicate injustice to women. Pace law students participate in all aspects of the program, including direct representation of clients in family court.

Pace law school has one of the top environmental programs in the country. The program offers over 20 classes in environmental law, opportunities to conduct research in energy and land use law, externships in Washington, DC, and New York, and international environmental law classes taught in Brazil.

The Land Use Law Center teaches students to understand how best to develop and conserve the land through research and publications, outreach and community service, and project management and technology.

The Federal Judicial Extern Honors Program allows students to hone their writing skills in a mentoring program with a faculty member, and as judicial externs in a United States district or circuit judge's chambers.

Direct representation clinics enable students to take their extensive classroom training and make the transition to representing clients or prosecuting charges. Students take full responsibility for their own caseloads under close supervision of a full-time faculty member. Externship programs are also available and are clinical courses in which fieldwork is conducted under the supervision of practicing attorneys who are not full-time members of the faculty. Simulation courses give students the opportunity to learn specific components of lawyering work such as written and oral advocacy, interviewing and counseling clients, negotiation, analyzing a trial record, developing strategy, opening and closing arguments, selecting a jury and drafting jury instructions, and witness preparation and examination.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The Pace law library is housed in an airy, modern facility, the Glass Law Center. The law library contains an extensive collection of law and law-related publications, provides access to materials in other libraries in metropolitan New York and throughout the United States, and subscribes to national online research systems such as LexisNexis, Westlaw, and Dialog. Pace law students have free access to these databases from computer terminals distributed throughout the law library, in the student lounge, and from their home computers. A wireless network is available in the law library, classroom buildings, and throughout the campus.

■ Financial Aid

A comprehensive aid program has been developed to include scholarships, need-based grants, employment, loans, and a loan forgiveness program for graduates who choose a public interest career. Over 1.8 million dollars have been allocated for first-year students in 2006. These funds may be available on the

basis of financial need, academic merit, education costs, or credit considerations.

■ Career Services

The Center for Career Development actively solicits job listings for part-time, summer, and permanent postgraduate positions as well as full-time jobs for evening students through various outreach activities. In addition to regularly contacting legal employers regarding hiring needs, visits with law firms and other organizations are scheduled throughout the year. Respondents to the 2004 class survey reported 89 percent employment within the nine months following graduation.

■ Student Activities

Pace Law School publishes three law reviews, the *Pace Law Review*, the *Pace Environmental Law Review*, and the *Pace International Law Review*. Students compete in interscholastic moot court competitions and host the largest environmental

moot court competition in the country. The school offers more than 26 organizations in which students can participate. Available activities include professional organizations, minority student groups, issue-centered organizations, political groups, social action groups, religious groups, a student bar association, and a student newspaper.

■ Interviews/Visits to Campus

Pace seeks students with demonstrated potential to meaningfully contribute to the diversity of the law school community and the legal profession. Pace offers a unique opportunity for candidates to participate in a formal interview as part of the application process.

The law school hosts several open house programs which include tours; discussions with faculty, administrators, and students; and information regarding the admission process, financial aid, placement, and life at Pace Law. For a complete list of our on-campus events, visit our website at www.law.pace.edu.

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	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	3	3	1	1	2	2	4	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	10	
165-169	12	12	8	8	10	9	5	5	3	3	3	2	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	47	41	
160-164	26	26	34	33	37	36	36	31	23	15	16	7	8	1	6	0	0	0	4	1	190	150		
155-159	51	49	107	95	123	111	128	106	60	41	43	18	21	4	11	0	1	0	3	2	548	426		
150-154	75	46	171	84	242	91	227	84	169	44	84	11	38	3	9	0	3	0	14	5	1032	368		
145-149	39	5	123	13	198	11	160	3	140	2	88	2	45	1	13	0	4	0	17	1	827	38		
140-144	16	0	48	0	55	0	70	0	77	0	45	0	24	0	21	0	2	0	12	0	370	0		
135-139	5	0	10	0	29	0	40	0	31	0	21	0	17	0	3	0	1	0	6	0	163	0		
130-134	2	0	2	0	8	0	4	0	11	0	9	0	6	0	5	0	1	0	4	0	52	0		
125-129	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	15	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	0	
Total	229	141	505	234	705	260	677	232	516	106	310	40	166	11	74	0	13	0	61	9	3256	1033		

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.