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■ Introduction

Excellent law schools share many common traits—faculty renowned for their scholarship and commitment to teaching, academically rigorous courses, loyal successful alumni, and motivated focused students. All of these are essential components of Quinnipiac Law's identity. However, what sets Quinnipiac apart is its personal, student-centered approach to the law school experience. Contributing to this identity is a favorable 15:1 student-faculty ratio, the extraordinary accessibility of the faculty, and an environment that both challenges and supports its students as they prepare for careers in law.

Nestled among the hills, woods, and waterways of Connecticut on one of the most beautiful campuses in New England, yet just 75 miles from New York City, Quinnipiac's setting and location are ideal. The beautiful, state-of-the-art law center, opened in 1995, with wireless computer access in all classrooms and study areas, provides students with a modern, relaxed, and safe environment for study.

■ Faculty

Our faculty's academic credentials span the nation's leading law schools from Harvard, Yale, and Berkeley to Chicago, Michigan, and Columbia. They combine excellence in scholarship and teaching with exceptional accessibility. Indeed, the care with which faculty members demonstrate their interest in each student's progress and success is a distinguishing characteristic of Quinnipiac Law. Most faculty have an open-door policy and generously share of their expertise, insight, and time. The low student-faculty ratio (15:1) allows students to work closely with faculty, and this translates into a different kind of law school experience.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The 50,000-square-foot law library is at the center of the School of Law complex. With a collection of more than 380,000 volumes, it also provides comprehensive access to numerous electronic resources and databases such as LexisNexis, Westlaw/Dialog, JSTOR, and other web-based services. Its interlibrary loan network makes it possible to obtain materials from any library in the world. The beautiful facility features spacious public areas and numerous reading rooms and individual study carrels, providing a comfortable and relaxing environment for research and study.

■ Curriculum

The law school is fully approved by the ABA and is a member of AALS. Full-time day and part-time evening programs are offered beginning each fall. The academic program is designed to prepare students to be generalists or specialists. The program provides a dynamic blend of traditional classroom instruction and extensive experiential learning opportunities. Students who wish to focus on a specific area of study may choose from six different concentrations—**civil advocacy and dispute resolution, criminal law and advocacy, family and juvenile law, health law, intellectual property, and tax**. The

law school also offers a joint JD/MBA degree (with a health care management track) and a summer study abroad program with Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

■ Special Programs

Quinnipiac is recognized as having one of the premier clinical and externship programs in the country, and students often cite their experiences in these programs as one of the highlights of their law school career. These experiential learning opportunities allow students to bridge the gap between theory and practice. A total of 16 clinical and externship programs are available to students. The seven clinical programs include **civil, health law, tax, advanced, evening** (for part-time students), **defense appellate, and prosecution appellate**. The nine externship programs are **Corporate Counsel, Criminal Justice, Family and Juvenile Law, Judicial, Legal Services, Legislative, Mediation, Public Interest, and Field Placement II**.

Quinnipiac has established two centers in specialized fields of law—the **Center for Health Law and Policy** and the **Center on Dispute Resolution**—both of which draw on the considerable academic strengths and resources within the law school community.

■ Admission

Admission is competitive and based upon a variety of factors: undergraduate academic record, LSAT scores, personal statement, letters of recommendation, and other evidence such as advanced degrees, life and work experience, and extracurricular activities. Applications are welcomed from students of color, nontraditional students, and all students who add to the diversity of the student body. A rolling admission system is employed; however, the priority application deadline for admission and scholarship consideration is March 1. *Candidates for the Dean's Fellows awards must apply by February 1.*

■ Student Activities

Quinnipiac students often comment about the strong sense of community that permeates the law school. That sense of community is enhanced by the numerous and varied opportunities for students to participate in cocurricular activities, including a dynamic Student Bar Association, more than 30 different student organizations, a thriving Moot Court Society, an active *Quinnipiac Law Review*, and two student journals—the *Health Law Journal* and the *Probate Law Journal*.

■ Expenses and Financial Aid

Approximately 90 percent of the student body receive some form of financial assistance. Every applicant is considered for merit-based scholarships that range from \$3,000 to full tuition per year. March 1 is the admission deadline for most merit awards. However, candidates for the full-tuition Dean's Fellows scholarships must submit applications by February 1. Total institutional scholarships and grants for the 2005–2006 academic year exceeded \$3.5 million.

■ Housing

Campus housing for graduate and professional students is not available. However, there is ample, affordable housing available near the campus and throughout New Haven county. The School of Law Admissions Office and the university Office of Residential Life assist students in securing off-campus accommodations.

■ Career Services

The Office of Career Services provides students and graduates with the expert guidance necessary to make informed career decisions. It offers substantial support through individual

counseling and workshops on topics such as writing résumés and interviewing techniques.

The office coordinates on- and off-campus recruitment programs. Students interview with employers for a variety of summer internships and permanent jobs in the private and public sector.

Over the past five years, more than 90 percent of our graduates have been employed within nine months of graduation. The most recent class found employment as follows: 42 percent entered private practice, 21 percent took positions in business and industry, 20 percent chose government service or work, 7 percent received judicial clerkships. The remainder went into public interest work or were studying for advanced degrees.

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		2.75 - 2.99		2.50 - 2.74		2.25 - 2.49		2.00 - 2.24		Below 2.00		No GPA		Total		
	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	1	1	3	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
165-169	5	4	3	3	4	3	1	1	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	24	21	
160-164	10	10	29	27	31	30	19	19	16	16	12	9	4	3	4	2	0	0	2	1	127	117	
155-159	39	39	74	70	81	77	80	75	45	42	42	34	12	3	7	1	1	0	2	1	383	342	
150-154	71	18	123	31	194	26	190	28	139	10	76	4	34	1	10	1	6	0	7	0	850	119	
145-149	27	0	71	0	128	2	138	0	134	2	64	2	36	0	9	1	3	0	9	1	619	8	
140-144	11	0	30	1	47	0	48	1	65	0	42	0	25	0	9	0	4	0	6	0	287	2	
135-139	2	0	8	0	15	0	25	0	30	0	24	0	11	0	5	0	2	0	2	0	124	0	
130-134	4	0	2	0	7	0	6	0	3	0	4	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	35	0	
125-129	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	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	169	71	340	132	508	139	511	127	437	75	272	55	128	9	53	6	16	0	31	4	2465	618	

Apps = Number of Applicants
Adm = Number Admitted

This total number reflects dual applicants/accepts for the spring/fall terms (99% of the total applicant pool).