

## Regent University School of Law

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### ■ Introduction

Regent University is distinctive among ABA-approved law schools because of its integration of Christian principles into the curriculum. It is this balance of professional legal training and affirmation of biblical principles that enables Regent graduates to provide excellent legal counsel to their clients while carrying forth the mission of the university—Christian Leadership to Change the World. Approximately 3,300 men and women are pursuing graduate degrees at Regent University. The law school is composed of approximately 500 students. Regent University is situated on a stately, Georgian-style campus in Virginia Beach, minutes from the Atlantic Ocean, less than a two-hour drive from Richmond, and less than four hours from Washington, DC.

### ■ Christian Distinction

The foremost distinction of Regent University School of Law is its Christian perspective. The School of Law is unique in that the mission embraces a Christian world-view, and the school seeks to nurture students' faith. This mission provides a strong basis for teaching the highest ethical standards for lawyers. The mission also helps make Regent a great overall experience for students. Regent has received national recognition for its students' high quality of life.

### ■ Academic Program/Legal Skills

Regent law school places great emphasis on developing practical lawyering skills. Courses have been designed to provide in-depth training and opportunities to develop these skills. Regent law students have enjoyed tremendous success in student competitions, winning national and regional awards in negotiations, moot court, trial practice, client counseling, and appellate advocacy. The practical lawyering skills and strong ethical values of Regent graduates have enabled them to successfully obtain employment with top law firms, federal and state courts, business and technology companies, and national public interest law firms.

### ■ Clinical Opportunities—Public Interest Law

Regent law students are noted for their commitment to public service and their determination to fight for equal justice for all. The School of Law provides opportunities for hands-on, student-client contact through Litigation and Family Mediation clinics. Additionally, the School of Law enjoys a special relationship with the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), the nation's foremost public interest law firm defending religious liberties. Selected law students may obtain volunteer and paid positions to assist ACLJ staff attorneys involved in pro-family and pro-liberty cases and may participate in a semester in DC program with ACLJ attorneys.

### ■ Full- and Part-time Programs

The School of Law offers full- and part-time 90 semester-hour Juris Doctor programs in-residence only. Students in the

full-time program normally complete their degrees in three years; part-time students in four to five years.

### ■ Admission and the Bar

Applicants to the law school are required to submit a personal statement as part of the admission process. This personal statement, unique in style to Regent, is considered very carefully along with the applicant's LSAT score, undergraduate record, résumé, and letters of recommendation. The law school is committed to considering the entire application in the decision process, ultimately offering admission to prospective students who present a strong likelihood for success in law school. This commitment has resulted in a diverse student body. Applications from prospective students with LSAT scores of 150 and above and UGPAs above 3.0 are especially encouraged, as the law school has evidence that such students are very likely to succeed in law school and also very likely to pass the bar exam on their first attempt. Regent's overall bar passage rate for graduates with LSAT scores of 150 or above is 77 percent; with LSAT scores of 155 or above, 82 percent; and with LSAT scores of 160 and above, 84 percent.

### ■ Academic Assistance

Regent University School of Law is on the cutting edge in offering academic assistance to its students. The law school employs a full-time faculty member who serves as the director of academic success and who oversees the three components of the school's Academic Success Program. Under the first component, the school invites selected first-year students to attend a two-week pre-enrollment program as a condition for admission into the school. The pre-enrollment program helps the students develop good law school study skills and introduces them to selected areas of the law in small sections taught by members of the full-time faculty. Under the second component, the director of academic assistance offers study skills workshops and one-on-one advising during the spring and fall semesters. These services are available to all students needing extra assistance in their studies. As the third component, the director teaches a for-credit course on advanced legal reasoning, analysis, and writing. The class, offered to third-year students, enables the students to fine-tune their analytical and writing skills in concrete ways that will benefit them in their future legal careers.

### ■ The Law Library

The Regent University Law Library occupies the entire third floor of the 150,000-square-foot university library building, immediately adjacent to the School of Law. The current collection contains approximately 375,000 volumes, substantial electronic resources, and an extensive microform collection.

### ■ International Law and Summer Abroad/Exchange Programs

Regent offers many opportunities for those students interested in international law and overseas study. The law school has established the *Regent Journal of International Law* and has a

very active International Law Society. In addition, the law school hosts a summer program in Strasbourg, France, focusing on international law and human rights. Regent faculty and other distinguished scholars and attorneys, such as Attorney General John Ashcroft, teach in the program. The law school also offers semester abroad opportunities. Students may spend a semester studying international law at Handong International Law School in South Korea. The law school has agreed to partner with universities in Madrid and Barcelona, Spain. Students will be able to spend a semester studying at either of these universities.

## ■ Housing

Regent Village is located three-quarters of a mile from campus. The apartment-style complex consists of 112 two-bedroom, one-bath units; 56 two-bedroom, two-bath units; and 56 three-bedroom, two-bath units. Rates are comparable to or less than similar apartment complexes in the nearby vicinity.

## ■ Financial Aid

The School of Law is committed to helping students finance their legal education. The Scholarship Committee annually

awards approximately \$2.8 million in scholarships and grants to law students, ranging in value from \$250 to full tuition. In recent years, approximately 70 percent of law students received some type of scholarship or grant. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic promise, with attention given to the applicant's undergraduate academic performance, LSAT scores, leadership, public service, and other factors indicative of the applicant's potential for law school success. Students not awarded financial assistance the first year of law school may qualify for assistance in future years based on academic performance. Residents of Virginia attending a private Virginia university may qualify for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant. Additionally, a variety of loan programs exist to meet the tuition and living expenses related to law school.

## ■ Campus Visitations

Campus Visitations: [www.regent.edu/lawvisitation](http://www.regent.edu/lawvisitation).

To RSVP for campus visitations or to arrange any visit to the law school, please contact [lawschool@regent.edu](mailto:lawschool@regent.edu) or telephone 757.226.4584.

## 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
160-180									
153-159									
152									
151									
150									
149									
147-148									
120-146									

Strong Possibility
  Possible
  Unlikely

This grid is intended to provide prospective applicants a general sense of our admission standards, as based upon competition for entry into recent classes entering the law school. This grid does not adequately describe the numerous nonquantifiable factors that are considered by our Admission Committee. Prospective applicants are encouraged to review our admission materials for a fuller understanding of the admission-review standards used by Regent University School of Law.