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■ Introduction

Chartered in 1766 by George III of Great Britain as the Queen's College, Rutgers—the State University of New Jersey is one of the oldest and largest state higher educational systems in the nation. The law school at the Camden campus is proud to continue this national reputation of excellence. With more than 100 faculty and staff members, the law school is a leading center of legal education. Noted for excellence in scholarship and rigor in training of new lawyers, the law school faculty is internationally recognized in fields as diverse as international law, health law, family and women's rights law, state constitutional law, and legal history.

Located at the base of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, just minutes from the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall in Philadelphia, the law school is in one of the nation's largest legal markets. Rutgers' thriving, 25-acre, tree-lined urban campus in Camden, New Jersey, is a handsome blend of converted Victorian buildings and newly constructed facilities. The Tweeter Center at the Waterfront, an indoor/outdoor concert venue; the New Jersey State Aquarium; the USS Battleship New Jersey; the newly renovated, historic "Victor" building with its upscale apartments; the new RiverLINE rail system; and Campbell Field (the new minor league baseball stadium), just a few blocks from the law school, are centerpieces for the ongoing development of Camden's waterfront. Camden, which is the county seat, has federal and local courts adjacent to law school. A member of the Association of American Law Schools, the school is included on the list of approved schools of the American Bar Association.

■ Faculty

Faculty scholarship has been cited by numerous courts, including the United States Supreme Court, and faculty members have authored numerous casebooks and significant legal works. Faculty members testify regularly before Congress and serve as consultants and reporters for the American Bar Association, the American Law Institute, and several federal and state commissions, and act as counsel in important public interest litigation.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The law school building houses research facilities, seminar and reading rooms, student lounges, a clinical suite, computer labs, study areas, a cafeteria, classrooms, and faculty offices. A new law school building is being constructed and annexed to the existing 93,860-square-foot structure. The new building design includes courtrooms, state-of-the-art classrooms, and enhanced student spaces. A selective federal repository, the law library, with more than 440,000 bibliographic units is one of the largest in the state. In addition to the traditional materials, students are trained on a number of computerized research systems, including a myriad of databases available on the Internet. The library consists of three floors of book stacks, a bridge that overlooks the campus and Philadelphia skyline, and a large computer lab for LexisNexis and Westlaw training. Over 400 individual working areas, carrels, and lounge seats are available.

■ Curriculum and Special Programs

The first-year curriculum includes the traditional core legal courses. Central to the curriculum is the lawyering program that engages students in simulated lawyering activities and practical applications of the law. Upper-class students can typically choose from more than 100 exciting elective courses each year, including cyberlaw, corporate counseling, trial advocacy, sports law, children's law, and international business transactions.

An outstanding Externship Program offers third-year students the opportunity to work with federal and state judges, public agencies, and public interest organizations. Other students participate in the Civil Practice Clinic and pro bono programs at the law school. Live client experiences include the Domestic Violence Project, the Pro Bono Bankruptcy Project, the Immigration Project, the Mediation Project, and the Elder Law Clinic, or representing clients in connection with the LEAP Charter School. Each of these programs constitutes a comprehensive initiative that reflects the law school's commitment to public service.

Students may pursue their legal studies in the full-time day program as well as the part-time program, available day or evening. Both programs are subject to the same rigorous admission and academic standards.

■ Joint-degree Programs

Eight formal joint JD and master's or doctoral degree programs are available with the University of Medicine and Dentistry, Graduate School of Business, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, School of Social Work, and Graduate School—Camden, including JD/MD, JD/DO, JD/MPA, JD/MBA, JD/MSW, and JD/MCRP. Upon approval of the faculty, students may also pursue self-designed joint-degree programs within Rutgers University or with other graduate institutions.

■ Admission

Although admission is highly competitive, the Committee on Admissions does consider each applicant's file individually, and special qualities may occasionally overcome lower numbers. Important factors to the committee include LSAT, undergraduate and graduate grade-point average, undergraduate and graduate institutions, work experience, and letters of recommendation. Typically, half of the entering class scores in the top quartile on the LSAT (162 or higher) with an average GPA of 3.4 or higher. The entering class size each fall is about 165 full- and 80 part-time day and evening students. The law school draws from 40 states, the District of Columbia, and nine foreign countries. More than 300 colleges and universities are represented in the student body. Decisions are made on a rolling basis beginning in early December. The law school has rolling admission and will consider candidates who take the February and June LSAT. However, early applicants have an enhanced opportunity for admission. Applicants may also apply for advanced standing as a transfer student only upon completion of one year of law study. Students may request an application from the law school or apply online at www.camlaw.rutgers.edu/.

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■ Housing

Air-conditioned and carpeted law school apartments are located on-campus. There are also abundant housing opportunities in the nearby suburbs and excellent public transportation systems. First-year admitted students are invited to utilize the law school's housing webpage and to attend the Dean's Law and Housing Day in the spring.

■ Financial Aid

In the 2004-2005 academic year, over \$17.5 million was distributed to law students through fellowships, grants, loans, and employment. The average financial aid package was approximately \$24,000, with 92 percent of the student body receiving some form of assistance. The Federal Direct Loan Program, the largest financial aid program, provided more than \$11.6 million to over 662 students in the last academic year. For fall consideration, the FAFSA should be submitted by March 1. Merit-based scholarships are also available for outstanding academic performance.

■ Career Services

As a direct result of the quality of legal education at Rutgers, typically more than 97 percent of each year's class obtains

employment in the legal profession within nine months of graduation. All major Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Delaware firms recruit from Rutgers, as do prestigious firms from New York City, California, and Washington, DC. The school's more than 7,600 alumni are leading members of the judiciary, government, and bar throughout this nation. The average salary of an associate who joins a private law firm is in excess of \$76,000, with top students typically making in excess of \$100,000. The school's placement rate is one of the best in the country (40 percent of last year's class) for highly desirable state and federal clerkships.

■ Student Activities

Among the numerous student organizations are the Latino Law Students Association, Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association, Association for Public Interest Law, Black Law Students Association, Christian Legal Society, Community Outreach Group, Cyberlaw, Environmental Law Students Association, Francis Deak International Law Society, OUTLAW Student Bar Association, Health Law Society, Italian-American Law Students Organization, Jewish Law Students Association, Law Journal (publishes the *Rutgers Law Journal*), *Journal of Law and Urban Policy*, *Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion*, Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, Pro Bono/Public Interest Steering Committee, and the 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								
	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
170-180	Very Likely	Likely	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
165-169	Very Likely	Likely	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
161-164	Very Likely	Likely	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
158-160	Very Likely	Likely	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
155-157	Very Likely	Likely	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
150-154	Very Likely	Likely	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
Below 150	Very Likely	Likely	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible

Very Likely Likely Possible Unlikely*

*Special attributes may sometimes overcome lower scores/GPAs. This chart is to be used as a general guide only. Nonnumerical factors are strongly considered for all applicants.