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■ Introduction

Founded in 1900, Stetson University College of Law is Florida's first law school. The college's main campus is located in Gulfport, which is a suburb of St. Petersburg. Located in a former resort hotel, the main campus provides an outstanding environment in which to study law. A satellite campus in downtown Tampa hosts some classes in our part-time JD program and judges on Florida's Second District Court of Appeal. Stetson is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and has been an Association of American Law Schools member since 1931. The college is an equal opportunity education institution. For additional information, visit www.law.stetson.edu.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

Modern in every educational aspect, the facilities include six courtrooms. A new student center opened in 2002. The Law Library and Legal Information Center is one of the most advanced research and communications technology centers in the southeast. It contains 403,644 volumes and is equipped for instant access to computerized databases and the Internet. The Tampa Law Center includes a satellite library. There is a laptop requirement for all admitted students.

■ Admission

The college received more than 3,600 applications, offered admission to 839 applicants, and enrolled 345 first-year students: 276 full time and 69 part time. The 2005 entering class included 20 percent students of color and 54 percent women. There are 129 undergraduate institutions and 32 states/territories represented. These numbers represent the spring, summer, and fall full-time and part-time 2005 entering classes. The student body consists of approximately 990 JD students and 13 LLM students (from six countries). Our students, faculty, and staff work together toward one common goal: preparing our students to be the best lawyers and leaders possible.

■ Faculty

The intellectual exchange among students and faculty is continuous, both inside and outside the classroom. The 55 full-time professors are engaged in projects that bring them regional and national prominence, but make teaching and working with students their top priority. Each semester, full-time faculty is supplemented by approximately 50 practicing attorneys and judges who serve as adjunct professors in specialized areas.

■ Curriculum

Academic Success Programs: The college offers many programs, including academic advising, an academic orientation, a semester-long academic skills workshop, and a Writing Clinic, designed to assist all students in achieving their academic potential.

Lawyering Skills: Stetson's academic program focuses on the lawyering process. Stetson is a pioneer and national leader in advocacy and clinical training.

Additional Academic Offerings: Stetson offers a part-time JD program that allows a student to earn a law degree in four years by taking classes in the evenings. Classes will be taken at both the Gulfport campus and Tampa Law Center. The college also offers a joint JD/MBA program that prepares students for careers in law and business. The Master of Laws (LLM) program in International Law has included lawyers from 35 different countries. Stetson offers summer abroad opportunities in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Freiburg, Germany; the Hague, the Netherlands; and Granada, Spain. Stetson has Centers for Excellence in Advocacy, Elder Law, Higher Education Law and Policy, and International Law. Stetson also hosts the National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law, and an Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy.

■ Special Programs

Trial Advocacy: Stetson is recognized as one of the best law schools for advocacy. Stetson's teams routinely win national, regional, and state mock trial, moot court, and client skills competitions. Stetson was the first law school to win all five major national mock trial competitions in a single academic year. And Stetson was the first American law school since 1996 to win the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria, in March 2005.

Clinics and Internships: Stetson offers upper-level students a wide variety of opportunities to work closely with attorneys and judges, and, in some cases, actually represent clients and try cases. Clinical opportunities include Civil Government, Civil Poverty Law, Elder Consumer Protection, Employment Discrimination, Labor Law, Local Government, Prosecution, and Public Defender. Internships include Bankruptcy Judicial Internship, Environmental Law Internship, Federal Litigation Internship, Health Law Internship, In-House Counsel Internship, Intellectual Property Internship, and Federal and State Judicial Internships.

Certificates of Concentration: Students can apply to a certificate program in which they focus their elective credits on advocacy, elder law, higher education law and policy, or international law.

Law Review: The *Stetson Law Review* publishes three issues each year. Students are selected based on grades and writing ability. Stetson serves as headquarters for the National Conference of Law Reviews. Stetson also publishes the *Journal of International Aging Law and Policy* in cooperation with the AARP.

Honors Program: Students with a 3.5 GPA after their first or second semester are invited to join the Honors Program, which features a special colloquium and seminar. Honors students also are invited to attend a wide variety of faculty colloquia and other special events.

Continuing Legal Education: Students are encouraged to attend the numerous seminars and conferences sponsored by the college for practicing attorneys, judges, and other professionals.

■ Expenses and Financial Aid

Full-time tuition for 2005–2006 (fall/spring) is \$26,280, and part-time tuition for 2005–2006 (fall/spring/summer) is \$22,765. Partial and full merit and diversity scholarships are offered on a competitive basis. Need and endowed scholarships are offered for continuing students. There is no financial aid deadline and completion of the FAFSA is the only required form.

■ Housing

The college has limited on-campus dormitories, as well as approximately 50 single-family homes and 32 apartments located within a few blocks of the campus. For more information, contact the Stetson Housing Office at 727.562.7886, or visit www.law.stetson.edu/housing/default.htm.

■ Career Development

The college's firm commitment to helping students achieve their goals is reflected in its strong career services program. The Office of Career Development assists students and alumni

in securing all types of legal and law-related employment and provides group seminars and individual counseling on subjects ranging from interviewing techniques to résumé writing. More than 90 percent of the 2004 graduating class reported that they found employment within nine months of graduation. Approximately 87 percent of recent Stetson graduates practice within Florida; however, alumni are located in 48 states and 22 countries.

■ Office for Student Life

The Office for Student Life promotes and supports more than 35 student organizations on campus. Each organization provides a way for students to develop social and legal skills. These programs are used to enrich the classroom experience and to provide personal growth. The office also promotes leadership through its Ambassador Program and Leadership Development Committee. Students who attend Stetson are able to develop leadership skills to advance them in the legal community. Overall, these multiple opportunities allow students to obtain a rich and meaningful law school experience.

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	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
165-169	7	6	1	1	6	1	1	0	4	2	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	12	
160-164	18	14	26	21	29	21	23	17	24	11	12	6	3	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	140	92	
155-159	49	36	95	62	89	62	87	37	58	15	39	4	15	4	7	1	0	0	7	1	446	222	
150-154	97	71	151	82	202	44	182	18	144	12	80	3	31	2	6	0	2	1	7	4	902	237	
145-149	47	11	118	7	163	9	144	4	110	6	67	2	33	1	8	0	3	0	12	1	705	41	
140-144	18	2	30	0	51	0	65	4	67	2	51	2	29	0	10	0	3	0	9	0	333	10	
135-139	3	0	10	1	13	0	13	0	15	0	18	0	7	0	4	0	4	0	11	2	98	3	
130-134	0	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	8	0	4	0	6	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	33	0	
125-129	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	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	239	140	434	175	556	137	522	80	431	48	275	19	127	7	43	2	13	1	50	9	2690	618	

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.