

## The John Marshall Law School

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### ■ Introduction

John Marshall is an independent law school, well known for consistently training attorneys who are ready to step directly into integral firm, corporate, and public service roles. John Marshall graduates enter the legal profession with confidence, secure in the practical benefits gained from rigorous classes and through clinical and externship experiences.

An innovator in offering legal education to women, minorities, and students needing to work while attending law school, John Marshall today remains true to the guiding ideals it has espoused for more than a century. Our legacy of opportunity includes maintaining diversity in our academic programs, student body, and faculty, and providing a harmonious blend of the theory and practice of law.

John Marshall's location in the heart of Chicago's legal, financial, and commercial districts offers students a vibrant, cosmopolitan setting for legal study. The federal courthouse is across the street, and the nation's largest circuit court—Cook County—is just a few blocks away, as are many government offices. This proximity offers enhanced learning experiences to John Marshall students.

The John Marshall Law School is also renowned for its outstanding specialty programs: Nationally recognized in both trial advocacy and intellectual property, John Marshall offers the nation's only graduate program in employee benefits, one of the first ever in information technology and privacy law, and one of only two in the nation in real estate law.

### ■ Curriculum

John Marshall has day and evening divisions, with identical instruction, course content, and scholastic requirements. Our nationally recognized legal writing faculty forms the backbone of our Lawyering Skills program. Lawyering skills courses, which focus on writing, research, and oral argument, are an integral part of the core curriculum. These courses are taught in small groups to maximize the individual attention given to each student. A student may specialize in a certain area of the law and receive a certificate, or focus more emphatically and earn a joint degree (JD/LLM).

### ■ Clinics, Externships, and Special Programs

Practical legal experience plays a vital role in education at the John Marshall Law School. John Marshall is the only law school in the nation with a training program in fair housing law and enforcement. Other clinical programs provide valuable training for future attorneys who want to practice in areas such as intellectual property law, immigration law, employee benefits law, tax law, prosecution, defense, and municipal and state government work.

We also offer several programs that enable students to learn important lawyering skills while working as externs with various members of the bench and bar, as well as practicum opportunities in litigation and real estate law.

The John Marshall Law School offers seven Master of Laws (LLM) programs for attorneys seeking specialized education in legal issues, and for current JD students who would like the maximum concentration in particular areas of the law. As the

largest advanced-degree law school in the Midwest, John Marshall offers a comprehensive curriculum in the following areas: employee benefits law, information technology and privacy law, intellectual property law, international business and trade law, real estate law, and tax law. John Marshall also offers Master of Science (MS) degrees for nonlawyers in information technology, employee benefits, tax, and real estate.

### ■ Library

The Louis L. Biro Law Library collection includes more than 380,000 volumes and 2,500 audiovisual tapes and serves as the library resource for the Chicago Bar Association, whose headquarters building is next door. The John Marshall Law School was the first law school in Chicago to teach legal research on computers. The library has more than 75 IBM-compatible computers available for student use. John Marshall has a school-wide computer network with a backbone of high-speed, digital fiber-optic cabling that allows students, faculty, and staff access to word processing software, LexisNexis, Westlaw, CALI, and the Internet. In addition, a wireless network has been added to the backbone, allowing laptop users anywhere in the school to connect to the Internet without being tethered by cords. Computerized research and reference resources are available to students through the law school's website, [www.jmls.edu](http://www.jmls.edu).

### ■ Admission

Students are admitted in August and January. Applications for August entrance may be filed between October 1 and March 1; for January entrance, between May 1 and October 15. The LSAT score is evaluated together with the cumulative grade point average and other relevant factors, including difficulty of undergraduate program, postgraduate experience, leadership potential, business and professional background, and letters of recommendation. Applicants from minority and other disadvantaged groups will be given special consideration in cases where their overall records are competitive with other applicants. Minority representation in the class enrolled in 2005 was 25 percent. Applicants with a B average overall and an LSAT score in the 60th percentile may be presumed to be within the range for favorable consideration.

### ■ Student Activities

There are five honors programs: the *John Marshall Law Review*, the *Journal of Computer and Information Law*, the *Review of Intellectual Property Law* (an online journal), the Moot Court Honors Program, and the Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolution Honors Program. John Marshall has a long-standing tradition of success in interscholastic competitions and sends teams to more than 30 moot court and mock trial competitions annually.

The student community at the John Marshall Law School includes more than 40 student organizations engaging in social awareness, community service, legal discussions, and social activities. Every student group at John Marshall reflects the diversity, highlights the talents, and enhances the opportunities of our total student body.

John Marshall welcomes numerous well-known visitors and scholars each year. In addition to lectures and presentations, our distinguished guests can be found meeting with individual classes or holding roundtable discussions with interested students and faculty.

## ■ Career Opportunities

The Career Services Office (CSO) offers personal assistance to help students assess and refine their career goals. The CSO sponsors more than 60 career-related programs each year, many featuring alumni as panelists and speakers, and also implements a robust Alumni Mentor Program, where mentors meet with students one-on-one to provide real-world advice on practice areas, law school courses, and the day-to-day practice of law. The CSO also aggressively promotes John Marshall students to employers. John Marshall graduates are employed at 34 of Chicago's 35 largest firms. Public service is another

favored career path, with graduates serving as attorneys in the courts and government. Nearly one-fifth of all Illinois judges are John Marshall alumni (circuit, appellate, and state supreme court).

## ■ Correspondence

We encourage you to visit our website, [www.jmls.edu](http://www.jmls.edu), and to come see us in person. Visit a class and talk with our faculty and our students. Find out for yourself what it's like to learn, in an intimate classroom environment, from a top-notch faculty that consistently imparts an understanding of both the theory and the practice of law.

Visit with our personable admission and financial aid staff. Then, if you feel drawn to become a member of the John Marshall community—if the excellence and diversity we represent resonate with your desires for your own legal education—we would be pleased to receive your application.

## Applicant Profile

### The John Marshall Law School

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	Below 2.50
175-180							
170-174							
165-169							
160-164							
155-159							
150-154							
145-149							
140-144							
135-139							
130-134							
125-129							
120-124							



Likely



Possible



Unlikely