The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

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■ Introduction

Founded in 1891, the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law has played a leading role in the legal profession through countless contributions made by graduates and faculty. The administration of the College of Law is committed to advancing the quality and reputation of the college through ongoing improvements to the academic program and student services, thereby creating a learning environment second to none.

Ohio State's 8,500 law alumni are central to the college's national reputation. Graduates of the college include justices of the Ohio Supreme Court, current and former US senators and representatives, managing partners in law firms, chief executive officers, professors, and attorneys with nonprofit organizations and public interest law firms.

The comprehensive scope of the university and its location in the state capital provide law students with access to a wealth of educational, professional, cultural, and recreational resources and opportunities. Law students are able to pursue joint degrees with one of the university's more than 100 graduate programs and also may extern with federal and state judges or find employment with one of the more than 500 law firms located in central Ohio.

■ Academic Program

With approximately 135 classes offered annually, Ohio State students have a rich array of courses from which to choose. The curriculum is designed to provide a strong theoretical and analytical foundation, as well as multiple opportunities for developing and honing lawyering skills.

Alternative Dispute Resolution—The College of Law is widely regarded as having one of the nation's finest programs in the area of Alternative Dispute Resolution. The program emphasizes training in an array of dispute resolution methods beyond litigation, including negotiation, mediation, and arbitration. Students with an especially strong interest may want to serve as a member or editor of the *Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution* or pursue a certificate in Dispute Resolution.

Clinical Opportunities—The College of Law offers an extensive selection of clinics in civil, criminal, children's issues, housing, mediation, and legislation. Students enrolled in a clinic course receive the benefit of working with real clients, the court, or other parties while receiving intensive feedback and supervision from one of the college's 15 clinical faculty. The fieldwork component of each clinic course is augmented by a classroom component in which topics such as lawyering skills, legal doctrine, and ethical and strategic issues are addressed.

Judicial Externship Program—Ohio State law students have the opportunity to gain first-hand insight into the judicial system through the college's Judicial Externship Program. As externs, students earn academic credit for conducting legal research and drafting legal documents for justices of the Ohio Supreme Court and for judges at the federal and county levels.

A Global Perspective on the Law—Students with an interest in international law may select from a menu of approximately 16 courses that have an international law or comparative law focus, including a semester-long and summer study-abroad program in Oxford, England. The College of Law awards a Certificate in International Trade and Development to students who combine their law coursework with select courses in international economics, politics, history, culture, and foreign language.

■ Faculty

One of the most frequently cited strengths of the College of Law is the quality of the faculty. Faculty members consistently are recognized for the experiences they bring to the classroom, for the clarity of their teaching, and for their accessibility to students outside of the classroom. As a group, they are highly regarded for being committed teachers who care about students. Members of the Ohio State law faculty also have earned a reputation within the profession for their expertise in specific areas of the law. Faculty are regularly cited in court and in the national media; they serve on legal reform commissions, help draft model statutes, and provide testimony before Congress.

■ Moritz Law Library

The Moritz Law Library provides Ohio State law students with the 14th largest collection among law school libraries in the nation and access to a vast array of electronic databases. Law students with a laptop and network card can tap into online resources from virtually any point within the Moritz Law Library or the law building. All classrooms are wired for use of laptop computers.

■ Extracurricular Opportunities

Learning Outside of the Classroom—Recognizing that a student's legal education rests upon what occurs in the classroom as well as the intellectual interchange and professional development outside of the classroom, the College of Law strives to provide an environment that is rich with extracurricular and cocurricular opportunities. Each year, the college brings to campus more than 100 speakers to address students, law faculty, and members of the bar.

Ohio State law students have the opportunity to refine their legal writing skills through participation in one of the college's five highly regarded law journals: the *Ohio State Law Journal*, the *Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution*, the *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law,* the *I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society*, and the *Entrepreneurial Business Law Journal.* Students are able to refine their skills in the areas of oral advocacy and legal writing through a variety of intramural and interscholastic competitions. In recent years, Ohio State law students have competed in the National Moot Court Competition, the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition, the National Health Law Moot Court Competition, the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, and the National Tax Moot Court Competition.

Service to the Public—The College of Law enjoys a strong reputation for its commitment to public service as part of the educational mission of the college. Ohio State law students are encouraged to become involved in one or more of the college's many public interest initiatives, such as the Pro Bono Research

Group. To encourage Ohio State law students to accept low-paying or volunteer positions with public interest organizations during the summer, the college and the Public Interest Law Foundation annually offers several student-funded fellowships.

■ Placement Opportunities

Moritz College of Law students and graduates are provided with an array of career and professional development services by a staff of six full- and part-time professionals, three of whom have a JD. Students and alumni have access to an Internet-based online job posting system and a wide variety of programs, workshops, and events. All programming and counseling services are designed to teach skills and to provide a foundation for gaining legal and professional career experience. The on-campus recruiting program, which brings over 120 employers to campus to interview students annually, is conducted through a state-of-the-art web-based recruiting system that allows students access at all hours. Alumni and practitioners interact with students through many avenues, including a practice interview program and a mentoring database. Each year, students find employment across the country. Cutting edge technology, current resources, talented staff, and creative initiatives give College of Law students a sound professional development foundation.

■ Admission and Financial Aid

The Moritz College of Law is committed to enrolling highly motivated men and women who have excelled academically and who bring to the College of Law a diversity of personal and professional backgrounds. In selecting members of each entering class, the Admissions Committee seeks to enroll men and women who represent all segments of society, as well as those who, as attorneys, will respect the profession's public service obligations.

An Ohio State legal education is among the best values among nationally regarded law schools. The annual cost of tuition for residents of Ohio is below half the tuition charged by comparably ranked private law schools. Nonresidents of Ohio who relocate to the state may be reclassified as Ohio residents after residing in the state for 12 months. Each year, the College of Law awards more than $2.5 million in need-based and merit-based financial aid to members of the student body.

Applicant Profile

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This grid includes only applicants who earned 120-180 LSAT scores under standard administrations.

	GPA																					
LSAT	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	
Score	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	3	3	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	8
170-174	13	13	7	7	9	9	5	5	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	37
165-169	36	34	39	39	23	23	13	11	6	4	4	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	124	116
160-164	93	73	123	95	117	81	53	28	25	6	12	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	4	3	432	291
155-159	127	36	201	35	178	23	105	8	46	2	24	2	12	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	697	108
150-154	76	9	137	10	136	8	68	5	58	5	31	0	8	0	3	0	0	0	6	2	523	39
145-149	20	1	51	5	49	4	47	2	45	0	21	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	243	12
140-144	12	1	21	2	25	2	23	0	15	0	18	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	122	5
135-139	3	1	6	0	5	0	9	0	9	0	6	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	46	1
130-134	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	9	0
125-129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
120-124	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	381	168	588	196	545	151	327	62	208	20	119	9	43	4	10	0	1	0	23	7	2245	617

Apps = Number of Applicants
Adm = Number Admitted
Reflects 99% of total applicant pool.