

## University of St. Thomas School of Law—Minneapolis

1000 LaSalle Avenue

Minneapolis, MN 55403

Phone: 651.962.4895

E-mail: [lawschool@stthomas.edu](mailto:lawschool@stthomas.edu); Website: [www.stthomas.edu/law](http://www.stthomas.edu/law)

### ■ Introduction

The University of St. Thomas integrates faith and reason in the search for truth through a focus on morality and social justice. The close-knit community, drawn by this unique mission, shares a distinctive vision of what law and the legal profession can be. The University of St. Thomas attracts students from across the country who want to be servant leaders and who understand their responsibility to serve their clients, the community, and those who are most in need of, and least able to pay for, legal assistance.

### ■ Curriculum

The School of Law offers more than 80 advanced, elective courses in addition to 16 required courses.

The University of St. Thomas offers a unique, nationally recognized, structured mentor externship integrated into the curriculum that matches each student with an experienced lawyer or judge each year of law school. Mentors introduce students to a range of lawyering tasks. In addition to gaining practical knowledge, students talk with their mentors about the intellectual, ethical, and moral challenges facing attorneys.

At the Interprofessional Center for Counseling and Legal Services, law students work side by side with students from graduate programs in social work and professional psychology. The center allows students to work with actual clients on active cases and provides experience with the sum total of a client's legal problems.

Students can also pursue one of five joint-degree programs, including the College of Business (JD/MBA), Catholic Studies (JD/MA), Public Policy (JD/MA), Professional Psychology (JD/MA), and Social Work (JD/MSW).

### ■ Special Programs

All students are required to perform 50 hours of community service work. The School of Law expects all students to explore a variety of ways in which their interests, skills, and talents can best serve the public.

### ■ The Area

The University of St. Thomas School of Law is located in downtown Minneapolis, the regional center for business and culture. Minneapolis and the nearby capital city of St. Paul make up the core of the Twin Cities metropolitan area—a metro area of more than 3.5 million residents. The Twin Cities are home to a vibrant business community that features 12 of Fortune 500's largest corporations. The Twin Cities are also home to a lively legal community that has embraced the School of Law through the mentor program and summer employment opportunities.

The seemingly limitless recreational opportunities and distinctive beauty of the region add immeasurably to the quality of life. The Twin Cities boast 949 lakes in the metropolitan area. Outdoor enthusiasts have plenty of options from which to choose.

### ■ Admission

The School of Law seeks to identify students who show the potential to distinguish themselves academically and to integrate the fundamental characteristics of faith and values into their professional character and identity.

The Admission Committee reviews applications with the goal of understanding the strengths, skills, and unique perspectives of each applicant. While the committee examines quantitative criteria such as LSAT scores and undergraduate transcripts, it also focuses on evidence of writing skills, leadership experience and potential, motivation, and commitment to our mission.

The committee carefully examines all materials submitted to determine whether the university and the student is a good fit. A student's personal statement, letters of recommendation, and other subjective information play an important role in assisting the committee with its goal.

### ■ Faculty

The faculty are a distinguished group of scholars with an impressive mixture of skills, expertise, and experience. Faculty members are nationally recognized for their professional and scholarly proficiency; all have experience as teachers and as practicing lawyers or expert witnesses, and 11 have advanced degrees in other disciplines.

Of equal importance, faculty members have demonstrated a commitment to service and leadership. All have developed reputations as caring, accessible mentors for students, and each has an inspiring record of service to the community. Faculty members share a strong commitment to our mission and a dedication to assisting each student in his or her formation as an accomplished servant leader.

Each academic year, the full-time faculty is supplemented by approximately 80 practicing attorneys and judges who serve as adjunct professors.

### ■ Enrollment/Student Body

The student body is diverse. In the fall 2005 entering class, students represented 18 states and 3 countries, and received degrees from 69 undergraduate institutions. While many students come to the School of Law directly from undergraduate institutions, others have earned postgraduate degrees or have work experience.

### ■ Library and Physical Facilities

In July 2003, the School of Law moved into a new 114,334-square-foot building in downtown Minneapolis. The building combines a state-of-the-art education center with the unique character of the School of Law.

Modern technology enhances the classrooms, library, group study areas, moot courtroom, and private offices. A computer lab and training center accommodate student research needs. Twelve group study rooms are available in the library as are a number of individual study spaces.

The 39,289-square-foot library includes shelving for up to 210,000 books and storage space for 250,000 microform volume

# University of St. Thomas School of Law—Minneapolis

equivalents. New technologies and alternative information formats supplement the collection. Students have access to major legal-related databases.

## ■ Financial Aid

St. Thomas is committed to making high-quality legal education available to students by offering scholarships, grants, employment, and loans. The School of Law administers two scholarship programs that acknowledge applicants who have outstanding academic records, who contribute to our dedicated diversity effort, or who are particularly likely to contribute to the school's mission. All incoming students are automatically considered for scholarship awards.

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) will provide up to \$6,000 in annual assistance for up to 10 years for qualifying applicants. In general, graduates who undertake public service jobs benefiting the poor and underserved will be eligible to receive assistance.

## ■ Career Services

Alumni and students work with federal and state judges; international, national, and local public interest organizations; corporations; banks; and law firms of all sizes.

The Office of Career and Professional Development supports students wherever they are in their career paths and encourages them to consider how their career choices complement their spiritual and ethical beliefs. Available resources include résumé and cover letter writing workshops and individual review, interviewing skills seminars, mock interviews, an online job center, a resource center, practice area panel discussions with local attorneys, networking events, career fairs, and on-campus interviewing.

## ■ Student Activities

Students are encouraged to form and join student organizations that help them integrate their faith or passion for social justice with their image of themselves as lawyers. Students have created several unique student organizations dedicated to integrating faith and reason in the search for truth with an emphasis on social justice.

The *University of St. Thomas Law Journal* gives students the opportunity to contribute to the development of legal scholarship and further hone their research, analytical, and writing abilities. The Board of Advocates oversees interscholastic competitions in moot court, trial advocacy, client counseling, and negotiation.

## Applicant Profile

### University of St. Thomas School of Law—Minneapolis

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

LSAT Score	GPA																				Total		
	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		Apps	Adm	
	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	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
165-169	6	6	2	2	6	6	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	22	21
160-164	19	19	16	15	21	21	11	10	9	9	1	1	4	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	82	80	
155-159	36	36	34	33	57	54	39	36	21	20	15	11	7	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	211	193	
150-154	34	26	45	29	65	37	59	22	29	11	19	5	10	1	0	0	1	0	5	1	267	132	
145-149	17	5	41	7	55	8	58	6	35	5	22	2	16	3	3	0	0	0	2	1	249	37	
140-144	6	0	13	0	18	0	30	0	24	0	18	0	10	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	123	1	
135-139	2	0	2	0	6	0	9	0	11	0	4	0	7	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	49	0	
130-134	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	6	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	21	0	
125-129	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	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	122	94	155	86	229	126	213	76	134	47	89	20	58	13	13	1	4	1	15	2	1032	466	

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.