At Notre Dame Law School, students and faculty of diverse backgrounds and experiences are encouraged to broaden their social, spiritual, and personal lives while honing their intellectual and professional skills to serve the good of all.

The Notre Dame experience inspires students to examine their studies and practice of law within the context of their responsibilities as a member of the bar, and as a member of various political, social, and faith communities. This perspective encourages robust debate on tough questions of policy, values, and faith both inside and outside of the classroom. Students at Notre Dame Law School not only learn about the technical skills to be successful practicing lawyers — they also learn about the values and commitments that shape our laws.

NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF LAW SCHOOL, EDUCATING A DIFFERENT KIND OF LAWYER.
What made Notre Dame my top choice was the strong tradition and values that the Law School instills within its students. Although the Law School is known far and wide for its excellence, it is only truly comprehensible upon becoming a student that Notre Dame’s mission is carried out in everything that happens on campus. Through the dedication and commitment of faculty, staff, and students, the Notre Dame tradition of ethics, integrity, and education runs as deep as our love of the Blue and Gold. The Notre Dame community has a high standard of ethics that has helped develop and support the extremely close student-teacher relationships.

ANTHONY KROESE
Buffalo, N.Y.

THE CURRICULUM

JURIS DOCTOR (J.D.) PROGRAM

Notre Dame Law School’s curriculum integrates rigorous academic standards with an emphasis on ethics and values taught by leading scholars who serve as faculty and mentors.
One reason I chose Notre Dame was to have the opportunity to learn daily from a brilliant, nationally recognized faculty. Their wealth of experience — from clerking for the U.S. Supreme Court, to serving within a presidential administration, to holding multiple advanced degrees from acclaimed universities — was so impressive to me. And even more impressive were their eager and willing spirits to engage with students outside of the classroom. My favorite course has been Constitutional Law with Professor Kelley. Professor Kelley worked within a presidential administration, and he regularly shared stories of his experiences in the White House. He also clerked for two different Supreme Court justices, so his knowledge of how the Supreme Court actually functions, as well as the culture and relationships among the justices, was really insightful when we read and analyzed cases.

Samuel A. Lyew
Snellville, Ga.
I am continuously impressed by the Notre Dame Law School faculty. They are always helpful and never hesitate to take a few moments out of their busy day to help students achieve their goals. All of the faculty intentionally make the time to get to know more about the students. That relationship with the faculty is what has made the difference for me in law school — I truly feel as if we are one community.

Notre Dame Law School brings a diverse, committed faculty who are not only renowned in their areas of legal expertise, but also have a passion for providing a unique and challenging professional education to their students. This passion for teaching can be seen both inside and outside the classroom, whether through intense legal debate or informal discussions in social settings. The NDLS faculty is a truly one-of-a-kind community of scholars who take pride in educating the future of the profession with values, accountability, and integrity.

A TRULY ONE-OF-A-KIND COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS
There are many reasons I chose NDLS, but the most important to me was the school’s commitment to forming a different kind of lawyer. I firmly believe that is not a marketing pitch — it is a mission statement. It affects every part of the school, from admissions to graduation and beyond. It involves education, service, camaraderie, and opportunities that are second to none. NDLS students study in London, extern in Chicago, provide aid to the indigent, team with the business school to help countries rebuild after war, contribute to human rights, and help build small businesses — and that’s before graduation! The education, opportunities, and experiences NDLS provides creates lawyers who seek to improve the world, not just get jobs. And who could pass up an opportunity to make a difference in the world?

ERIC NICHOLS
South Bend, Ind.
CLASS OF 2016

Experiential learning is a core component of the Notre Dame Law School curriculum and experience. Experiential programs complement the analytical training of the traditional classroom. Hands-on learning allows students to develop practical skills, to explore potential career paths, to reflect on their personal identity, and to observe how the justice system functions. For students entering in fall 2016 or later, the American Bar Association requires students to complete six credit hours of experiential courses before graduation.
THE EXPERIENCE

EXTERNSHIPS

By participating in Notre Dame’s Chicago Program, I gained the best of both worlds: I learned the law in a supportive and challenging academic environment in South Bend, and then was able to apply it and gain practical experience while working in Chicago. I loved having that balance in my law school experience. The Chicago program is unique to Notre Dame because you work full-time, so you are able to take on more responsibilities than part-time externs. For example, during my externship at the U.S. Attorney’s Office, I worked on a trial team that allowed me to examine two witnesses in federal district court. It was an enormous opportunity that was available to me because I was in the office every day.

SARAH GALLO
Chicago, Ill.
CLASS OF 2015

ADVANCED CRIMINAL JUSTICE
APPALACHIA
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

LAWYERING PRACTICE
NOTRE DAME LAW IN CHICAGO

NOTRE DAME LAW IN D.C.
PUBLIC DEFENDER
SEVENTH CIRCUIT ADVOCACY

CORPORATE COUNSEL
NATIONAL IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER

CURRENT EXTERNSHIPS

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE

Notre Dame Law School teaches students to think like lawyers and provides them with myriad opportunities to practice the skills most sought by employers. Notre Dame Law School’s broad array of externships allow students to “try out” virtually any area of law practice and to discover their professional identity by working with real clients, lawyers, and judges.

THE EXPERIENCE

CLINICAL PROGRAMS

Our in-house clinical law offices provide premier hands-on training by allowing you to mediate civil cases and represent clients in litigation and transactional work under the guidance of our faculty.

CURRENT CLINICS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC
MEDIATION CLINIC
ECONOMIC JUSTICE CLINIC
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLINIC
LOW-INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC
The Notre Dame Law in D.C. program offers a semester-long externship in the nation’s capital. The program allows students to work four days per week in federal government-related positions including agencies, executive branch offices, congressional offices and committees, courts, and nonprofit groups engaged in policy research or advocacy.

**SKILLS COURSES**

**TRIAL ADVOCACY SKILLS**
- Intensive Trial Advocacy
- Comprehensive Trial Advocacy
- Deposition Skills
- Moot Court — Trial

**APPELLATE ADVOCACY SKILLS**
- Appellate Advocacy Seminar
- Moot Court — International

**TRANSACTIONAL SKILLS**
- Transactional Law Intensive
- Contract Drafting
- Trade Dress and Design

**UNIVERSAL LAWYERING SKILLS**
- Negotiation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Legal Interviewing and Counseling

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

**THE EXPERIENCE**

**CHICAGO & D.C.**

The Notre Dame Law in Chicago program allows students to work four days per week with in-house corporate counsel, nonprofit legal organizations, governmental law offices, or in judicial chambers under the careful supervision and mentoring of a practicing attorney in the heart of Chicago.

**STUDENT JOURNALS**
- Journal of Legislation
- Notre Dame Journal of International and Comparative Law
- Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics, and Public Policy
- Notre Dame Law Review
The London program provided the perfect opportunity to explore the outer bounds of the legal profession that are hard to get in a traditional classroom. Beyond just great friendships and once-in-a-lifetime travel experiences, I received a top-notch introduction to international legal subjects I had never thought about before. I toured the Inns of Court, had drinks with Master Mariners, and walked the halls of the legendary Lloyds — all for class. Going to London was unquestionably the best decision I have made in law school.

Ariel Seidman
Longmont, Colo.
Class of 2015

Notre Dame Law School values and promotes the global education of legal practices through a variety of opportunities to study and gain practical experience with international law. Whether students wish to practice international law or are simply interested in the field because they recognize that many legal cases have considerations outside of our nation’s borders, Notre Dame Law School provides the right kind of education and experiences needed to start a career in international work.

Additionally, the South Bend campus houses the Center for Civil and Human Rights, which provides leadership in the field of human rights law and administers the highly respected LL.M. and J.S.D. programs.

THE EXPERIENCE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
Whether students plan on a future as a litigator, business lawyer, or in public interest work, Notre Dame Law School provides the training and experiential learning opportunities employers are looking for in law school graduates. Thousands of loyal Notre Dame alumni, both of the Law School and of the University, are willing to assist.

Our Career Development Office is dedicated to providing students with numerous opportunities throughout the year to hone their job search skills as they identify their desired career path. The office is instrumental in engaging the Notre Dame Lawyer alumni network and arranging on- and off-campus interviews for legal jobs across the country.

What sets Notre Dame apart from other institutions is its vibrant and active alumni network. I remember it being a large feature during Admitted Students Weekend, and after only one year, I could see why. The alumni community here is always looking for ways to give back to the institution they love, frequently offering to give advice and a helping hand to current students. There aren’t many law schools that truly carry a national reputation, but NDLS does. That, in large part, is because of the amazing alumni network.

The Career Development Office is one of the crown jewels of the Law School. Their weekly programming keeps students up to date on all opportunities available to them while their individual counseling meetings provide more personalized advice. From day one, the Career Development staff helps you identify the potential obstacles to a successful legal career but also provides you with the tools for how to overcome them.

ENGAGING THE NOTRE DAME LAWYER
I came to Notre Dame with little expectations outside of my academic goals. I predicted that I would spend most of my nights at the library with very little time for a social life. Thankfully, NDLS admits students that not only care about their academics but also care about one another. You don’t quite understand the statement ‘Notre Dame family’ until you experience your first bar review and realize you are not alone in this journey.

**THE COMMUNITY**

**LOCATION**

The Law School is located at the center of the Notre Dame campus, within steps of the iconic Golden Dome, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, and Notre Dame Stadium. The University is located just outside South Bend, Ind., and is 90 miles east of Chicago. Our campus is alive throughout the year with performing arts, athletics, art exhibits, and speakers from around the world. The University provides students with an affordable and comfortable standard of living, both on and off campus. The community is family friendly, offering an array of parks, museums, dining options, and shops.

**AT THE HEART OF CAMPUS**

- **90 MILES TO CHICAGO**
- **30 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**
- **21 RESTAURANTS ON CAMPUS**

**LAKES**

- 2

**SEASONS**

- 4

**MILES OF TRAILS AROUND CAMPUS**

- 30.3

**STUDENT PERSPECTIVE**

CHINELO UDOKORO

Atlanta, Ga.
The University of Notre Dame has one of the most vibrant alumni networks in the world. Thousands of loyal Notre Dame alumni, both of the Law School and of the University, are eager to assist in networking and mentorship, and provide a unique community for both professional and personal growth. Our Law School graduates are serving the greater good as leaders in the field of law and other industries.

**Over 8,100 Alumni Throughout The United States And...**

**In 80+ International Communities**
Notre Dame Law School is more than a legal education; it is a family. Faculty, staff, and your peers exemplify the values of a different kind of lawyer. From orientation to graduation, you will feel at home knowing that you can count on each and every one to support one another during the crucible that is law school. I have not experienced this level of comradery since leaving the military, and choosing to attend Notre Dame Law School is among the best decisions I have made in life.

THEODORE J. STEVENSON III
Tacoma, Wash.

The Notre Dame Law School Admissions Committee employs a holistic review philosophy to create a class from a large number of highly qualified applicants. We seek multidimensional students with a wide range of talents, backgrounds, experiences, accomplishments, and points of view. We aim to enroll a talented class that will enrich the life of the Law School through their academic skills and leadership abilities. The Notre Dame Law School community welcomes students to a program that emphasizes excellence, commitment to community service, and preparation for the ethical practice of law. A Notre Dame lawyer embodies the characteristics of exceptional moral and ethical standards, extraordinary ability, and a compassion for others.
We encourage all prospective students to visit Notre Dame Law School — located on the University’s picturesque campus — and experience our dynamic community. A visit to the University and the Law School is the ultimate way to gain insight about our distinctive qualities of a Notre Dame legal education. The Admissions Office offers a daily visit program throughout the fall and spring semesters that includes a first-year class visit, a tour of the Law School with a current student, an information session with an admissions counselor, and an optional campus tour. Visits are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

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UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES REPRESENTED IN THE ENTERING CLASS
Albion College
American University
Aquinas College
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Baylor University
Belknap University
Boise State University
Boston College
Brandeis University
Brown University
California State University – Northridge
Canisius College
Case Western Reserve University
Centre College
Chester Hill College
Clark University
College of William and Mary
Colorado Christian University
Colorado State University
Cornell University
Creighton University
DePaul University
Duke University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia State University
Goshen College
Grace College
Griinnell College
Hamilton College
Haverford College
Hilbert College
Hope College
Houghton College
Houston Baptist University
Indiana University
Indiana University – Purdue University
Indiana-Pauley
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson State College
Kalamazoo College
Liberty University
Louisiana State University – Shreveport
Loyola University – Chicago
Miami University – Oxford
Michigan State University
Monmouth College
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Niagara University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Oklahoma Christian University
Oklahoma State University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary’s College of California
Seattle Pacific University
Seton Hall University
South Carolina State University
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
St. John’s University
State University of New York – Albany
State University of New York – Buffalo
State University of New York – Oswego
Texas A & M University
Texas State University
The College of New Jersey
United States Coast Guard Academy
University of California – Davis
University of California – Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of Dallas
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University of Georgia
University of Houston
University of Illinois
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maryland
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of St. Francis
University of Texas – Austin
University of Texas – El Paso
University of Texas – San Antonio
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Western Ontario
University of Wisconsin – Madison
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Villanova University
Wellesley College
Wheaton College
William College
Wittenberg University

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Application form
Bachelor’s degree in any discipline from an accredited college or university
LSAT
Personal Statement
Resume
Two letters of recommendation

OPTIONAL
“Why Notre Dame Law School?” Essay
“Different Kind of Lawyer” Essay

APPLICATION DATES AND FEES
APPLICATION DEADLINE
SEPT 1
DECISION ANNOUNCEMENT
MAR 15
OTHER IMPORTANT DATES
FEB 28
FAFSA deadline
NDSU Federal Code: 1840
Fees and charges

IMPORTANT FEES
$75 Application Fee
$54,297 Tuition and Fees 2016-17
$9,900 Estimated room and board 2016-17

Service and need-based fee waivers application available at law.nd.edu/admissions/information

DATES, DEADLINES AND FEES
APPLY
CAMPUS VISIT
In compliance with federal law and the University of Notre Dame’s non-discrimination policy, Notre Dame Law School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, veteran status, genetic information, or age in the administration of any of its educational programs, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs, or in employment.

Notre Dame is committed to building an inclusive community and welcomes all individuals. All prospective students are encouraged to read the University’s Spirit of Inclusion statement as well as the University’s policies for reporting discriminatory harassment at equity.nd.edu.

The University has designated the Director of its Office of Institutional Equity to handle all inquiries regarding its efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX and under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Notice of Non-Discrimination. The Title IX and Section 504 coordinator may be contacted as follows: Director/Office of Institutional Equity/100 Grace Hall, University of Notre Dame/Notre Dame, IN 46556/574-631-0444.

As a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Notre Dame Law School complies with the provision of AALS Bylaw 6-3 that requires member schools to provide equality of opportunity in legal education for all persons. Notre Dame Law School is committed to building an inclusive community and welcomes all people, regardless of gender (including identity and expression), religion, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class, nationality, disability, or age.

The Law School welcomes people of all faiths and religions. At the same time, consistent with American Bar Association Standard 205, the Law School reserves its right under the law to make hiring, admission, and other decisions in accord with its Catholic identity and its mission as a Catholic institution. In addition, the Law School reserves all other legal rights as a religious institution.