

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL

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Basic Information

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Admissions Profile (J.D. Candidates only)

Applications received	2466
Size of entering class:	200
# of undergraduate colleges represented:	134
# of states represented (incl. D.C.)	35
In-state enrollment:	14
Out-state enrollment:	186
Foreign countries represented:	1

Grade Point Average / Law School Admission Test

		25th%	50th%	75th%
Grade Point Average	Full-Time	3.46	3.66	3.79
	Part-Time	-	-	-
	Overall	3.46	3.66	3.79
Law School Admission Test	Full-Time	161	164	165
	Part-Time	-	-	-
	Overall	161	164	165

In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? No

If not, what percentage is not included and why?

Students with GPAs from foreign institutions were excluded in accordance with ABA reporting guidelines. Less than one percent was excluded for the GPA calculation.

Law School Demographics

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	Total
	Class Size	200	210	171	0	581
	Men	117	122	102	0	341
	Women	83	88	69	0	240
Hispanic/Latino	Men	9	17	9	0	35
	Women	8	11	10	0	29
White	Men	86	80	74	0	240
	Women	58	54	46	0	158
Black/African American	Men	4	4	6	0	14
	Women	3	2	1	0	6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Men	0	0	0	0	0
	Women	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	Men	10	5	4	0	19
	Women	8	10	5	0	23
American Indian/Alaska Native	Men	0	1	0	0	1
	Women	0	0	0	0	0
2 or more races	Men	3	3	3	0	9
	Women	5	6	0	0	11
Persons with Disabilities	Men	1	1	1	0	3
	Women	0	0	1	0	1
Openly LGBT	Men	UNK	UNK	UNK	0	0
	Women	UNK	UNK	UNK	0	0
Non-Resident Alien	Men	2	3	1	0	6
	Women	0	0	4	0	4

Comments

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Degree Programs

Number of Students Enrolled:	
Full-Time:	581
Evening:	0
Part-Time:	0
Other:	0
Fields of Study:	
LL.M. Degrees Offered:	Yes
Is LL.M. grading system equivalent to JD system?	Yes
Joint degree programs offered?	Yes
Number of LL.M. degrees awarded in previous year:	25

JD Programs:

CLINICAL COURSES / PROGRAMS OFFERED	ENROLLMENT BASED ON
Economic Justice Clinic	For complete information on clinical programs and
Community Development Clinic	experiential learning, please visit our website.
Mediation Clinic	Simply go to https://law.nd.edu/academics/ and
Intellectual Property & Entrepreneurship Clinic	click on Clinics and Experiential Learning.
Notre Dame Law in Chicago program	
Notre Dame Law in Washington DC program	
Public Defender Externship	
Intercollegiate Athletics Externship	
Appalachia Externship	
Advanced Criminal Defense Externship	
Seventh Circuit Practice Externship	
National Immigrant Justice Center Externship	
Client Interviewing and Counseling	
Moot Court Competitions	
Trial Advocacy	
Deposition Skills	

Special Training and Certification Programs:

Is Moot Court a required activity? Yes

Moot Court Program Description:

First year moot court appellate argument is required. Second and third year Moot Court teams are based on competition.

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Explanation of Grading System

Letter Grades	Other Grading System?	Numerical Equivalents
A+	N/A	
A		4.000
A-		3.667
B+		3.333
B		3.000
B-		2.667
C+		2.333
C		2.000
C-		1.667
D		1.000
F		0

Comments:

Minimum Grade Required to Attain:

Top 10%:	N/A
Top 25%:	N/A
Top 33%:	N/A
Top 50%:	N/A
Top 75%:	N/A
Median GPA:	N/A
Minimum grade required for graduation:	2.000

Do you have a pass/fail option? Yes

Offered at professor's discretion; students are allowed only 2 pass/fail courses over duration of law degree program.

Are students ranked in their class? No

If so, how often?

Will the school verify student grades? No

School's Verification Policy

Notre Dame Law School's system judges its students against a high Notre Dame standard rather than against student performance at other institutions. Notre Dame Law School does not rank students. The University computes law school mean grade point averages each semester and on a cumulative basis for each class year.p>

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Pre-Graduation Academic Honors

NAME OF AWARD	NO. AWARDED	BASIS OF AWARD
Dean's Award (in course name)	1/course	Awarded for highest grade in course
Col. William J. Hoynes	1	GPA, leadership
Dean O'Meara	1	GPA, leadership
Farabaugh Prize	1	GPA, leadership
Legal Writing	1	Excellence in legal writing
Trial Advocacy	1/class	Several different awards for excellence
Dean Link Award	1	Outstanding service in Social Justice
Dean Konop Award	1	Outstanding service in Legal Aid & Defense
ABA Negotiation Award	1	Excellence in the art of negotiation
Dean William O. McLean	1	Outstanding service to the law school
Nathan Burke Memorial Award	1	Best paper in copyright law
Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Award	1	Best paper in legal ethics
Indiana Bar Foundation	1	Student intending to practice in Indiana
Notre Dame Client Counseling Award	2	Competition
ABA Award in Health Law	1	Excellence in Health Law
Joseph Ciraolo Award	1	Personal achievement through adversity
Award in Law Ethics & Public Policy	1	Excellence in Law, Ethics & Public Policy
Award in Intellectual Property	1	Excellence in Intellectual Property
Award in Business	1	Excellence in Business
Award in Criminal Law	1	Excellence in Criminal Law
Dean's Circle	Multiple	GPA
Jessup International Moot Court Award	up to 4	Excellence in advocacy
Conrad Kellenberg Award	1	Dedication to betterment of the community through service

Graduation Honors

	% of Class Receiving	GPA Required	# of Students
Order of the Coif	N/A	N/A	N/A
Summa cum laude		3.8	
Magna cum laude		3.6	
Cum laude		3.4	
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A

Areas of Practice & Employment

Areas of practice include both legal and non-legal positions: % of employed students with jobs in area	
Private practice	55.4
Business and industry	7.6
Government	13.4
Judicial clerkship	13.4
Military	2.5
Public interest organization	7.0
Academic	0.6
Job category not identified	0

% of students with known location who are in employment region	
New England (CT,ME,MA,NH,RI,VT)	1.1
Middle Atlantic (NJ,NY,PA)	11.7
East North Central (IL,IN,MI,OH,WI)	41.9
West North Central (IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD)	3.9
South Atlantic (DE,DC,FL,GA,MD,NC,SC,VA,WV)	14.0
East South Central (AL,KY,MS,TN)	2.2
West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)	3.9
Mountain (AZ,CO,ID,MT,NV,NM,UT,WY)	4.5
Pacific (AK,CA,HI,OR,WA)	4.5
Non-US	0

Jurisdictions:

Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, California, Washington DC, Michigan

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OCI / Job Posting

OCI Reservations

OCI requests accepted by:
Mail - beginning date: 02/15/2017
Phone - beginning date: 02/15/2017
Email to - beginning date: 02/15/2017: awruble@nd.edu
Online, URL - beginning date: 02/15/2017:

Any changes in OCI procedures or policies that will be in effect for the first time during Fall 2015:

On-campus interviews will begin August 7, 2017. Employers are permitted to pre-screen 70% of the interview slots, with a lottery system filling the remaining 30% from the qualifying bid pool.

OCI Date Assignment Procedure: First come first served
OCI Fee? No, a \$250 voluntary contribution requested for Public Interest Law Foundation

OCI Date Confirmation Sent to Employers:

If requested, our school will coordinate with:
We work to accommodate any employer's schedule, coordinating with anyone necessary to make the visit date work for everyone involved.

Required Employer Forms:
Employers must agree to our non-discrimination policy.

OCI Dates:

August: 08/07/2017-08/31/2017
Fall: 09/01/2017-11/30/2017
Spring: 01/17/2017-04/21/2017
Flyback dates: We will not conduct interviews the week of August 14, 2017 to allow students to participate in callback interviews prior to the onset of classes.

Is video conferencing available? Yes

Comments: Spring OCI are arranged by employer request without formal program dates. We offer partial or full interview schedules anytime via Polycom, Skype or any web-based platform. Students in our London program participate in OCI via videoconference.

Pre-OCI Material Distribution:

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes
OCI Drop date:
Date student materials sent to employer:
Date interview schedule sent to employer:
Postage/express mail fee?

Comments: The OCI season is broken into phases, each containing its own schedule for student bidding and employer pre-screening. Schedules are published at least one week prior to interview dates. Employers have direct access to all materials through Symplicity.

Do you provide resume collection or direct mail option for employers not participating in OCI? Yes
Are all OCI conducted in campus buildings? Yes

Other Interview Programs

Notre Dame Law School will hold an off-campus interview program in New York City. Open only to Notre Dame students, employers interview students who are interested in and have traveled to New York City. There is no employer registration fee for participation. Notre Dame is a member of The Law Consortium and will participate in off-campus interview programs in Los Angeles, Miami, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Washington DC with the TLC member schools. Notre Dame is a part of the Chicago Area Law School Consortium and, as a member, helps plan and execute the annual Midwest Public Interest Law Career Conference. Our students attend MPILCC each year. Notre Dame students participate in the Loyola Patent Law Interview Program and the Equal Justice Works Public Interest Career Conference. Notre Dame students also participate in a wide variety of diversity job fairs (see below).

Diversity Interview Programs

National BLSA Midwest Minority Job Fair, Cook County Bar Association Minority Job Fair, Minnesota Minority Job Fair, DuPont Legal Minority Job Fair, Latino Law Student Job Fair, Northwest Minority Job Fair, St. Louis Diversity Job Fair, Virginia Bar Association Diversity Job Fair, Vault/MCCA Legal Diversity Career Fair, CLEO Career Fair, Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair, Tri-State Diversity Recruitment Conference, Rocky Mountain Diversity Legal Career Fair, Indianapolis Bar Association Diversity Job Fair, Boston Lawyers Group Job Fair, Bay Area Diversity Career Fair. We maintain an evolving and updated list of events for all students, with registration information and links to each sponsoring organization, on our website.

For Employers who do not interview students on-campus, will you:

send, upon request, one package containing resumes/transcripts? Yes
post a notice directing students to apply directly to employer? Yes

Jobs are posted daily as received for students and alumni through Symplicity, to which all students and alumni have access via any computer with an Internet connection. Job postings may be entered directly into Symplicity through an employer account or sent to lawjobs@nd.edu. We also have a job posting request form on our website. Employer preferences are accommodated, including resume submission method, length of posting, etc. Employers have the option to receive application materials via email as they are submitted or they can request to have a packet with all materials sent together on the day they choose. This service is free of charge.

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

If no, explain:

First Year Students

First-year students are eligible to participate in Spring OCI. We post job opportunities in the fall semester and inform/remind students of the NALP guideline relating to employer contact on/after December 1.

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Diversity

The CDO publicizes diversity scholarships, diversity fellowships and job fairs to students. We work with student affinity groups to help plan career-related programming. And we work with individual students to create tailored professional development plans.

Pro Bono

The Law School offers a variety of formal and informal pro bono opportunities. The unique GALILEE program provides first-year students with a unique opportunity to explore urban-poverty issues through a three or four day immersion program visiting public interest lawyers around the country. Following the first year of law school, law students may engage in direct representation of low-income clients through the Notre Dame Clinical Law Center and a growing externship program including placements in South Bend, Chicago, Washington DC, Indianapolis and Appalachia. The Law School has a formal Small Business Pro Bono project in partnership with the Mendoza School of Business and the St. Joseph County Bar Association through which students provide legal advice to area small businesses. The Law School also offers opportunities to prepare tax returns for low income wage earners through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

JOURNALS	NO. OF STUDENTS	GRADES	WRITE-ON	INTV.	OTHER
Notre Dame Law Review	52	35	30	0	35
Journal of College & University Law	47	0	100	0	0
Journal of Legislation	52	0	50	0	50
Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy	59	10	50	0	40
Journal of International & Comparative Law	55	0	75	0	25

Student Organizations

DESCRIPTION
Student Bar Association (SBA)
International Law Society
St. Thomas More Society
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
Federalist Society
Christian Legal Society
Environmental Law Society
Military Law Students Association
Legal Voices for Children & Youth
Married Law Students Association
Jus Vitae
Public Interest Law Forum
Women's Legal Forum
Jewish Law Students Society
Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
Asian Law Students Association (ALSA)
Hispanic Law Students Association (HLSA)
Native American Law Students Association (NALSA)
ACLU
American Constitutional Society
Business Law Forum
Intellectual Property Law Society

International Human Rights Society
Sports, Communication & Entertainment Law Forum
Health Law Society
J. Reuben Clark Law Society
Innocence Project Club
Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
Future Prosecuting Attorneys Council
Education Law Forum
LGBT Law Forum

Narrative

Founded in 1869 and consistently ranked as one of the top law schools in the country, Notre Dame is proud of its rich tradition of scholarly excellence. It is the oldest Catholic law school in the country, as well as the third-oldest law school in continuous operation since its founding. It is accredited by the ABA and approved by the AALS. The Notre Dame program aims to educate men and women to become lawyers of extraordinary professional competence who possess a partisanship for justice, the ability to respond to human need, and compassion for their clients and colleagues. Upon graduation, the Notre Dame lawyer is thoroughly trained in the law and, drawing on Notre Dame's rich heritage, is imbued with the moral and ethical value essential in the legal profession today. Notre Dame is a highly competitive law school. Each Notre Dame law student is selected by a faculty committee, which carefully evaluates many factors including LSAT scores, undergraduate academic performance, extracurricular activities, work experience and community service. As a result of this personal attention to the admissions process, the student body consists of individuals with diverse talents and strong academic credentials. Thirty-seven percent of the law school curriculum is required. Notre Dame Law School has one of the highest bar-passage rates of any national law school and has had a number of graduates obtain clerkships with the United States Supreme Court. J.D. candidates can enhance their legal education through a number of joint-degree programs including: the J.D./M.B.A. program; the J.D./M.A. in English program; the J.D./Engineering program; and the J.D./M.A. in Peace Studies program. Through the Center for Civil and Human Rights, Notre Dame offers an LL.M. degree in international human rights law to practicing attorneys from common-law and civil-law countries. Notre Dame's trial advocacy program consistently places among the nation's top-ten programs. The Law School also offers Moot Court-Appellate, Moot Court-Trial, and Moot Court-International programs for second- and third-year students. The Law School's four student-edited legal publications include: the Notre Dame Law Review, the Journal of College and University Law, the Journal of Legislation, and the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy.

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