

CLEVELAND-MARSHALL COLLEGE OF LAW

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Basic Information

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Admissions Profile (J.D. Candidates only)

Applications received	610
Size of entering class:	140
# of undergraduate colleges represented:	64
# of states represented (incl. D.C.)	14
In-state enrollment:	116
Out-state enrollment:	24
Foreign countries represented:	0

Grade Point Average / Law School Admission Test

		25th%	50th%	75th%
Grade Point Average	Full-Time	3.14	3.47	3.68
	Part-Time	2.84	3.23	3.38
	Overall	3.10	3.43	3.64
Law School Admission Test	Full-Time	150	153	156
	Part-Time	149	153	156
	Overall	150	153	156

In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? Yes
If not, what percentage is not included and why?

Law School Demographics

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	Total
	Total Class Size	140	95	94	27	356
	Men	69	52	50	11	182
	Women	71	43	44	16	174
Latinx	Men	0	1	0	1	2
	Women	2	2	2	0	6
White	Men	59	46	42	8	155
	Women	48	39	31	16	134
Black or African American	Men	6	2	5	2	15
	Women	15	1	7	0	23
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Asian	Men	1	1	3	0	5
	Women	2	1	2	0	5
Native American or Alaska Native	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
2 or more races	Men	0	0	0	0	0
	Women	0	0	2	0	2
Persons with Disabilities	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
LGBTQ	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Non-Resident Alien	Men	0	1	0	0	1
	Women	0	0	0	0	0

Comments

Data on disabled or openly LGBT students is not currently collected. We encourage prospective students interested in learning more to contact the College of Law directly.

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Degree Programs

Number of Students Enrolled:	
Full-Time:	227
Evening:	
Part-Time:	98
Other:	
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:	2

JD Programs:

CLINICAL COURSES / PROGRAMS OFFERED	ENROLLMENT BASED ON
Civil Litigation Clinic	Course Prerequisites
Community Advocacy Clinic	Course Prerequisites
Transactional Law Clinic	Course Prerequisites
Externships: Public Interest, Government, Corporate Counsel	Course Prerequisites
Mediation, Intense one week course	Course Prerequisites
Legal Drafting (multiple topic-specific courses)	Course Prerequisites
Scholarly Writing	Writing Prerequisites
Federal Post-Conviction Relief Clinic	Course Prerequisites
Pop-Up Practicums	Course Prerequisites
Appellate Advocacy Clinic	Course Prerequisites
Trial Advocacy Skills Practicum	Course Prerequisites

Special Training and Certification Programs:

Concentrations in: Business Law, Civil Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Tax Law, Criminal Law, Employment & Labor Law, and International & Comparative Law
Certifications in: Health Law and Health Care Compliance; Cybersecurity & Data Protection

Is Moot Court a required activity? No

Moot Court Program Description:

Students join a trial team, Moot Court, the BLSA, or the Jessup International Competition. C-M's national teams routinely place high. Tryouts involving written and oral arguments are held each spring.

Explanation of Grading System

Letter Grades	Other Grading System?	Numerical Equivalents
A+		--
A		4.0
A-		3.7
B+		3.3
B		3.0
B-		2.7
C+		2.3
C		2.0
C-	D+ 1.3	C- 1.7
D		1.
F		0

Comments:

N/A

Minimum Grade Required to Attain:

Top 10%:	3.77
Top 25%:	3.55
Top 33%:	3.44
Top 50%:	3.33
Top 75%:	3.07
Median GPA:	3.30
Minimum grade required for graduation:	2.25

Do you have a pass/fail option? Yes

A student may take no more than one course on a pass/fail basis toward completion of a Concentration, whether a substantive course for which a grade is normally given or an externship or other course that is mandatorily graded on a pass/fail basis. If a student takes a course on a pass/fail basis that is normally a graded course, the "true" grade earned by the student for the course will be included in calculating the student's cumulative GPA in the Concentration, for the purposes of determining if the student has met the required minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA for a Concentration.

Are students ranked in their class? Yes

If so, how often? Twice per year - after fall and spring semesters

Will the school verify student grades? Yes

School's Verification Policy

Students may select two courses for P/F status, excluding those only offered on P/F basis.p>

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Pre-Graduation Academic Honors

NAME OF AWARD	NO. AWARDED	BASIS OF AWARD
Overall Academic Awards	5	GPA
Writing Awards	6	Submissions judged by committees
Specific Coursework/Academic Area Awards	58	Course grades (some also consider need)
Moot Court Awards	21	Competition
Clinical Awards	3	Contribution to clinical program
Service-Before-Self Award	1	Outstanding service to the community
Law Alumni Association Life Member Scholarships	6	Scholarship, need, participation
Pro Bono and Community Service Awards	102	Minimum hours of service
Cleveland State Law Review Awards	5	Service to organization
Journal of Law and Health Awards	3	Service to organization
Global Business Law Review Awards	3	Service to organization
Public Service Summer Fellows	7	Service and financial need
Dean's Community Service Award	3	Service to community
Endowed Scholarships	70	GPA (including some based on need and/or diversity)
Dean's List	233	GPA
Learn Law. Live Justice. Award	1	Outstanding academic achievement and service to community
Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Scholarships	2	Academic Achievement &/or Financial Need
Norman S. Minor Bar Association Scholarship	1	Service & Academic Achievement
Academic Excellence Fellows	7	Academic Achievement
Academic Scholarships	33	Undergraduate GPA/ Application credentials
Barrister's Scholarships	5	Undergraduate GPA/Application credentials
Justice Scholarships	91	Undergraduate GPA/Application credentials
P. Kelly Tompkins Leadership Fellows	10	Admission materials

Graduation Honors

	% of Class Receiving	GPA Required	# of Students
Order of the Coif	N/A	N/A	N/A
Summa cum laude	11%	3.70	10
Magna cum laude	12.5%	3.50	11
Cum laude	21%	3.30	19
Other			

Areas of Practice & Employment

Areas of practice include both legal and non-legal positions: % of employed students with jobs in area	
Private practice	56.3
Business and industry	17.7
Government	18.8
Judicial clerkship	2.1
Military	2.1
Public interest organization	4.2
Academic	1.0
Job category not identified	0

% of students with known location who are in employment region	
New England (CT,ME,MA,NH,RI,VT)	0
Middle Atlantic (NJ,NY,PA)	1
East North Central (IL,IN,MI,OH,WI)	91.7
West North Central (IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD)	0
South Atlantic (DE,DC,FL,GA,MD,NC,SC,VA,WV)	5.2
East South Central (AL,KY,MS,TN)	1.0
West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)	0
Mountain (AZ,CO,ID,MT,NV,NM,UT,WY)	0
Pacific (AK,CA,HI,OR,WA)	0
Non-US	1.0

Jurisdictions:

Ohio (Cleveland, Akron, Columbus largest metro areas), Virginia, New York

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OCI / Job Posting

OCI Reservations

OCI requests accepted by:

Mail - beginning date: 03/11/2019

Phone - beginning date: 03/11/2019

Email to - beginning date: 03/11/2019: career@law.csuohio.edu

Online, URL - beginning date: 03/11/2019: <https://www.law.csuohio.edu/careerplanning/employers/recruiting>

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

School policies under the NALP Principles for a Fair and Ethical Recruitment Process are currently being developed. Please contact the Office of Career Strategy & Employment directly to be provided a copy once complete.

OCI Date Assignment Procedure: First come first served

OCI Fee? None

OCI Date Confirmation Sent to Employers: 06/03/2019

If requested, our school will coordinate with:

Case Western Reserve University School of Law and/or The University of Akron School of Law

Required Employer Forms:

Registration form and acknowledgment of non-discrimination policy. All employers are also asked to complete a post-recruitment form providing outcomes.

OCI Dates:

August: 08/05/2019-08/09/2019

Fall: 08/26/2019-11/15/2019

Spring: 02/11/2019-03/29/2019

Flyback dates: N/A

Is video conferencing available? Yes

Comments: The OCSE can arrange for Skype interviews in a private conference room.

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? No

Comments: Interview schedules are made available to employers as soon as possible after interview selections are received from employers, generally within three business days.

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

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Minority Clerkship Program Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Diversity & Inclusion Career Fair Loyola Patent Law Interview Program (Chicago) Equal Justice Works Conference (Washington DC) 3L & New Grad Legal Career Fair (with Case Western Reserve University School of Law and The University of Akron School of Law)

Diversity Interview Programs

Lavender Law Conference Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Minority Clerkship Program National Black Prosecutors Association BLSA Midwest Recruitment Conference Vault/MCCA Diversity Job Fair Just the Beginning Foundation Cook County Bar Association

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

Job postings are online and students may access 24/7. Employers may expect responses immediately. Postings remain on the database for 30 days or until OCSE is notified to remove them. Current students and alumni have access to the postings. Job posting forms are available on the website at: <https://www.law.csuohio.edu/careerplanning/employers/jobposting> or may be submitted by employers directly through our CareerConnect system.

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

If no, explain:

First Year Students

We ask that employers respect first-year students' academic acclimation and refrain from recruiting engagements with these students until at least the mid-point of the fall semester. First year law students are eligible for the Spring Recruiting Program, including on-campus interviews. Job notices are posted continuously as soon as they are received by the Office of Career Strategy & Employment.

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Diversity

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Minority Clerkship Program and sessions leading up to it Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Diversity & Inclusion Career Fair Mentor Program with Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association Collaboration with Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association on related programs Co-sponsor programs with student diversity affinity groups such as BLSA, HLSA, APALSA Special section in jobs board for posting of diversity scholarships & hiring programs

Pro Bono

Mock Trial Program in local high schools Habitat for Humanity/Buildable Hours Food Kitchen and Cleveland Food Bank Income Tax Preparation Driver's License Reinstatement Program Legal Aid Clinics CMBA 3Rs Program Lake County Bar Association Pro Se Divorce Clinics Towards Employment Expungement Clinics Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Child Support Initiative CMBA Reach Out for Non-Profits Program Partnership with the Salvation Army's Harbor Light Family Shelter

JOURNALS	NO. OF STUDENTS	GRADES	WRITE-ON	INTV.	OTHER
Cleveland State Law Review	37	Top 10% of 1L class each year	Approximately 10 each year		
Journal of Law & Health	14	Top 20% of 1L class each year	Approximately 6 each year		
Global Business Law Review	15	Top 15% of 1L class each year	Approximately 6 each year		

Student Organizations

DESCRIPTION
Asian Pacific Islander Law Student Association (APILSA)
Black Law Student Association (BLSA)
Blockchain Law and Business Association
Christian Legal Society (CLS)
OUTLaw
Criminal Law Society
Delta Theta Phi
Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law
Entertainment & Sports Law Association (ESLA)
Environmental and Energy Law Society
The Federalist Society
The Gavel (student newspaper)
Health Law Society (HLS)
Hispanic Law Student Association (HLSA)
International Law Students Association (ILSA)
Jewish Law Student Association (JLSA)
The Justinian Forum
Student Bar Association (SBA)
Student Intellectual Property Law Association (SIPLA)
Tax Law Society
Women's Law Students Association (WLSA)
Trial Advocacy Teams
Animal Defense Guild
American Constitution Society for Law & Policy
Catholic Lawyers Guild
Democratic Law Organization Board
Phi Alpha Delta

Narrative

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law is an iconic, 120-year-old student-centered law school that produces outstanding attorneys, judges, and civic and business leaders. Known for its longstanding commitment to providing opportunity—it was the first law school in Ohio to admit women and one of the first to admit minorities—C|J|LAW is also at the forefront of innovation. It created one of the first solo practice incubators in the country the first Master of Legal Studies (MLS) Degree in Northeast Ohio.. A robust Engaged Learning curriculum connects students to real world legal work complementing rigorous academics. Innovative “pop-up practicums” offer students short-term,, hands-on opportunities to work on legal issues important to them. Civic-minded and hardworking, our C|J|LAW students clock 11,000 hours of volunteer work each year through our Pro Bono program and gain lawyering skills while making countless lives better through our Clinics. C|J|LAW offers education in growing industries through its Center for Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection, Center for Health Law and Policy , Global Space Law Center, Criminal Justice Center, and numerous areas of expertise. In addition to traditional J.D. students, C|J|LAW's MLS and professional certificate programs offer a variety of educational options for professionals outside the traditional legal field. Cleveland-Marshall is located in the heart of downtown Cleveland – a city attracting positive national attention and rising in popularity among young professionals for its exciting entertainment, lifestyle and cultural and business opportunities. The city also boasts one of the largest legal markets in the country and is home to leading healthcare organizations with international prominence. All of it adding up to a great place to live, work and study. WHY Choose C|J|LAW? - Exciting downtown location, steps from courts and law firms, give C|J|LAW students an edge on hands-on legal practice - Affordable tuition and cost of living - Non-Ohio residents pay in-state tuition - Scholarships guaranteed each year by maintaining good academic standing - High Bar Exam passage rates - One of the strongest and most engaged alumni networks of any law school provides immeasurable support from your first year of law school to your ongoing career - Student-centered attention from faculty and academic success programs help you become successful from the day you enter law school - Academic advising through Career Planning keeps you on track to reach your employment goals - Technologically advanced trial courtroom and state-of-the-art learning commons - Flexible full-time, part-time day and part-time evening study options - Solo Practice Incubator offers modern office space and support to help graduates launch solo firms - The convertible J.D. option converts your first year of study to a full Master of Legal Studies Degree, generally with only one additional class, if after the first year you decide law school isn't for you