

# THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

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## Basic Information

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## Admissions Profile (J.D. Candidates only)

Applications received	7695
Size of entering class:	564
# of undergraduate colleges represented:	231
# of states represented (incl. D.C.)	39
In-state enrollment:	N/C
Out-state enrollment:	N/C
Foreign countries represented:	13

## Grade Point Average / Law School Admission Test

		25th%	50th%	75th%
Grade Point Average	Full-Time	3.38	3.71	3.81
	Part-Time	3.28	3.46	3.77
	Overall	3.37	3.71	3.80
Law School Admission Test	Full-Time	160	165	166
	Part-Time	154	163	166
	Overall	160	165	166

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

If not, what percentage is not included and why?

LSAC does not report admission index/cumulative GPA for applicants with either undergrad degrees from institutions outside the US, its territories, or Canada, and less than 60 credits of US/Canadian undergrad work toward their international degree; or applicants from US schools that do not issue grades and credits.

## Law School Demographics

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	Total
Class Size	Class Size	567	401	499	58	1525
	Men	284	195	232	31	742
	Women	283	206	267	27	783
Hispanic/Latino	Men	12	3	2	1	18
	Women	22	2	4	0	28
White	Men	195	118	145	13	471
	Women	179	118	136	11	444
Black/African American	Men	10	21	9	1	41
	Women	19	21	33	5	78
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Men	0	0	1	0	1
	Women	0	1	1	0	2
Asian	Men	30	21	25	11	87
	Women	26	24	40	5	95
American Indian/Alaska Native	Men	1	0	1	1	3
	Women	0	2	4	0	6
2 or more races	Men	6	1	0	0	7
	Women	12	1	0	0	13
Persons with Disabilities	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Openly LGBT	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Non-Resident Alien	Men	15	11	9	1	36
	Women	18	15	22	2	57

**Comments**

The Openly LGBT data is not currently tracked, but students will be invited to self identify next year.

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## Degree Programs

Number of Students Enrolled:	
Full-Time:	1366
Evening:	0
Part-Time:	159
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:	131

## JD Programs:

CLINICAL COURSES / PROGRAMS OFFERED	ENROLLMENT BASED ON
Vaccine Injury Clinic	2nd or 3rd year, permission of instructor
Immigration Clinic	2nd or 3rd year, permission of instructor, prereqs
Family Justice Litigation Clinic	2nd or 3rd year, permission of instructor, prereqs
Criminal Appeals and Post-Conviction Services Clinic (CAPS)	2nd or 3rd year, permission of instructor, prereqs
Law Students in Court (Civil Division & Criminal Division)	
Public Justice Advocacy Clinic	2nd or 3rd year, permission of instructor
Health Rights Law Clinic	2nd or 3rd year, permission of instructor
Small Business and Community Economic Development Clinic	2L and 3L students eligible to apply, prereqs.
International Human Rights Clinic	2nd or 3rd year, permission of instructor, international law required
Prisoner and Reentry Clinic	2nd or 3rd year, permission of instructor
Intensive Clinical Placement	3rd year, permission of instructor

## Special Training and Certification Programs:

Certain areas of law at GW have developed particularly rich curricular, faculty, and programmatic resources. Because each of these fields is available as an LLM degree specialization, they have come to hold particular prominence in the GW Law's academic program. They include: General LL.M.; Business and Finance Law; Environmental and Energy Law; Government Procurement Law; Intellectual Property Law; International & Comparative Law; Litigation & Dispute Resolution; and National Security & U.S. Foreign Relations Law. While JD candidates do not specialize in any subject area, GW's large curriculum offers students substantial freedom to tailor their programs to their interests and future needs. Like LLM candidates, JD students interested in any of the practice areas listed above may choose from extensive course offerings, pursue clinical and field placement opportunities, and participate in numerous co-curricular activities in these fields.

Is Moot Court a required activity? No

## Moot Court Program Description:

GW sponsors five annual on-campus moot court (MC) competitions. Students also participate off campus with preparation subject to the ABA experiential requirement. Success leads to MC Board membership. One competition is not a class: First Year (spring - s). Three are only open to upper-level GW students: Van Vleck Con Law (f - fall), Rothwell Intellectual Property (s), and Government Contracts (s). One is open to all law schools: National Veterans Law (f).

## Explanation of Grading System

Letter Grades	Other Grading System?	Numerical Equivalents
A+		4.333
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:

Credit toward the J.D. degree is given for all grades between D and A+ (inclusive). A J.D. candidate who receives a grade of F or No Credit in a required course must retake that course from the same or a different instructor. Any student who retakes a required course and receives a grade of F or No Credit will be excluded from further study and may not graduate unless the student petitions for and receives the permission of the Academic Scholarship Committee. A J.D. candidate who receives a grade of F in a non-required course may retake the course once, from the same or a different instructor, but only within the next academic year. All failing and No Credit grades remain on the record. The cumulative average of a student includes all grades earned in courses evaluated on a letter-grade basis and taken at the Law School while a candidate for the degree.

## Minimum Grade Required to Attain:

Top 10%:	3.740
Top 25%:	3.563
Top 33%:	3.491
Top 50%:	3.396
Top 75%:	3.119
Median GPA:	3.401
Minimum grade required for graduation:	1.667

Do you have a pass/fail option? Yes

Some elective courses are graded on a Credit/No Credit basis. After first year, students may take up to a total of 17 credit hours Credit/No Credit. Transfer students - 8 credits graded Credit/No Credit.

Are students ranked in their class? Yes

If so, how often? Fall and Spring Semesters

Will the school verify student grades? Yes

School's Verification Policy

The school's ranking policy is as follows: Students in the top 1-15% of their class are designated George Washington Scholars; students in the top 16-35% of their class are designated Thurgood Marshall Scholars.p>

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## Pre-Graduation Academic Honors

NAME OF AWARD	NO. AWARDED	BASIS OF AWARD
Finnegan Prize in IP	1	Best publishable article in IP Law
George Washington Scholar		Top 1% to 15% of class each semester
Thurgood Marshall Scholar		Top 16% to 35% of class each semester
American Bankruptcy Institute Award	1	Excellence in debtor/creditor law
ABA Bureau of Nat'l Affairs Awards	4	Health Law
Henry R. Berger Award	1	Excellence in tort law
Phi Delta Phi Award	1	Excellence in Professional Responsibility
Joel B. Rosenthal Commercial Law	1	Excellence in Commercial Law
Richard L. Teberg Award	1	Highest proficiency in securities law
Patricia A. Tobin Gov't Procurement	1	Excellence in government contracts
Jennie Hassler Walburn Award	1	Excellence in Civil Procedure
Imogen Williford Constitutional Law	1	Excellence in constitution law
Chris Bartok Mem'l Award in Patent	1	Excellence in patent law
Peter D. Rosenberg Prize	1	Excellence in patent and IP law
Ogden W. Fields Graduate Award	1	Highest proficiency in labor law
Lauren E. Seibel Memorial Award	1	Excellence in labor and employment law
Michael J. Avenatti Award	1	Excellence in pre-trial and trial advocacy
Jacob Burns Award	4	Winning team in Van Vleck competition
Cohen & Cohen Mock Trial Award	2	Winning team in Cohen & Cohen Competition
Judge Albert H. Grenadier Award	5	Jessup Int'l Moot Court Competition
Manuel and Ana Maria Benitez	1	Clinical excellence in Immigration Law
Community Legal Clinics Volunteer Service	1	Excellence in volunteering
John F. Evans	1	Achievement in Crim. Div. of Court Program
Richard C. Lewis Jr. Memorial Award	1	Work in clinics, humanity, and compassion
ABA Bureau of Nat'l Affairs Awards	6	Intellectual Property Law
ABA Bureau of Nat'l Affairs Awards	6	Labor & Employment Law
Charles and Kathryn Miller Environmental Law Award	1	Environmental Law Award
Jamie Grodsky Prize for Environmental Law Scholarship	1	Environmental Law
Howard Rudge Creative Solutions Prize	2	Creative Solutions Prize
CourtCall Law School Award	2	GW Law Moot Court or Mock Trial programs
Estrella Mock Trial Award	2	Mock Trial Competition
Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck Award	2	Giles S. Rich Memorial Moot Court Competition
Pamela Spanogle International Commercial Arbitration	4	Willem Vis International Arbitration Competition
The Clinical Legal Education Association Outstanding Student	1	Clinical Course of law
Community Legal Clinics Volunteer Service Award	1	Jacob Burns Community Legal Clinics
ALI CLE Law Scholarship and Leadership Award	1	Combination of Scholarship and Leadership
Michael Dillon Cooley Memorial Award	1	Intellectual and spiritual growth of fellow students
The George Washington Alumni Association Award	1	Demonstrated extraordinary leadership and commitment
Justice Thurgood Marshall Civil Liberties Award	3	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
Nat'l Assoc of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Graduate Award	1	Outstanding Law Graduate
R. Thibault/ R. Schenck Award for Service to Military	1	Award for Service to the Military
Thelma Weaver Memorial Award	1	Intellectual and professional life of the law school

Kappa Beta Pi Awards	2	Highest cumulative averages in the first year
Phi Delta Delta Award	1	Highest average in the first semester of study for degree
John Ordranax Awards	1	Highest Cumulative averages in the first year
Charles Glover Award	1	Highest cumulative average in the third year
Willard Waddington Gatchell Award	3	Highest cumulative average in the entire course of degree
Anne Wells Branscomb Award	1	Highest cumulative average in the part-time division
John Bell Lamer Award	1	Highest cumulative average for the entire course of degree

## Graduation Honors

	% of Class Receiving	GPA Required	# of Students
Order of the Coif	10	3.746	52
Summa cum laude	3	3.878	19
Magna cum laude	10	3.740	53
Cum laude	40	3.444	199
Other			

## Areas of Practice & Employment

Areas of practice include both legal and non-legal positions: % of employed students with jobs in area	
Private practice	52.10
Business and industry	11.62
Government	15.83
Judicial clerkship	9.22
Military	2.20
Public interest organization	8.42
Academic	.60
Job category not identified	0

% of students with known location who are in employment region	
New England (CT,ME,MA,NH,RI,VT)	1.22
Middle Atlantic (NJ,NY,PA)	14.20
East North Central (IL,IN,MI,OH,WI)	1.62
West North Central (IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD)	.41
South Atlantic (DE,DC,FL,GA,MD,NC,SC,VA,WV)	70.18
East South Central (AL,KY,MS,TN)	.41
West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)	1.22
Mountain (AZ,CO,ID,MT,NV,NM,UT,WY)	2.64
Pacific (AK,CA,HI,OR,WA)	6.90
Non-US	1.01

### Jurisdictions:

District of Columbia, New York, Virginia, California, Maryland, Florida, Pennsylvania, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey

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## OCI / Job Posting

### OCI Reservations

OCI requests accepted by:  
Email to - beginning date: 02/25/2019:  
Online, URL - beginning date: 02/25/2019:

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

OCI Date Assignment Procedure: First come first served  
OCI Fee? 1st schedule = \$800 | Additional schedules = \$550 | Hotel reservation is included in fee.  
OCI Date Confirmation Sent to Employers: 03/01/2019

If requested, our school will coordinate with:  
Other local law schools.

Required Employer Forms:  
No required employer forms.

### OCI Dates:

August: 08/05/2019-08/08/2019  
Fall: 08/12/2019-08/30/2019  
Spring: 02/11/2019-04/19/2019  
Flyback dates: N/A, determined by employer and student  
Is video conferencing available? Yes

Comments: For information please contact: Katie White at (202) 994-7340 or [kwhite@law.gwu.edu](mailto:kwhite@law.gwu.edu) or Liza Ramirez at (202) 994-7340 or [lr Ramirez@law.gwu.edu](mailto:lr Ramirez@law.gwu.edu)

### Pre-OCI Material Distribution:

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes  
OCI Drop date: 07/12/2019  
Date student materials sent to employer: 07/12/2019  
Date interview schedule sent to employer: 08/01/2019  
Postage/express mail fee? None

Comments:

Do you provide resume collection or direct mail option for employers not participating in OCI? Yes  
Are all OCI conducted in campus buildings? No

### Other Interview Programs

GW Law hosts an exclusive off-campus regional interview program in New York, NY: July 29, 2019 at The Benjamin Hotel. // GW Law participates in the Law Consortium (TLC). Other member schools include BU, BC, Notre Dame, Northwestern, and Texas. GW Law participates in the following TLC interview programs: Miami, FL; Chicago, IL; Los Angeles, CA; Philadelphia, San Francisco, CA // Learn more at [www.thelawconsortium.org](http://www.thelawconsortium.org).

### Diversity Interview Programs

The George Washington University Law School participated in the below programs: Dupont Minority Job Fairs National Black Prosecutors Association Job Fair Heartland Minority Job Fair Minnesota Minority Recruitment Conference Black Law Students Association Regional Job Fairs Cook County Minority Job Fair Boston Law Group Minority Job Fair Lavender Law Conference and Career Fair Indiana Bar Association Diversity Job Fair Bay Area Diversity Career Fair Northwest Minority Job Fair Hispanic National Bar Association's Annual Career Fair Rocky Mountain Diversity Legal Career Fair

### 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

Employers can post vacancy announcements online via CORE (<https://law.gwu.12twenty.com/hire>). Additionally, employers can email job announcements to René Lindsey, Job Posting Coordinator, at [postjobs@law.gwu.edu](mailto:postjobs@law.gwu.edu). Information is also available on our website at [www.law.gwu.edu/employers](http://www.law.gwu.edu/employers). Job announcements are available for our students and alumni through CORE, our online job posting system. Job announcements are posted for three weeks unless we receive other instructions from the employer, or we are notified that the job has been filled.

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

If no, explain:

### First Year Students

We will follow the new NALP Principles for a Fair and Ethical Recruitment Process

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### Diversity

One of the Career Advisors in the GW Law Career Center also leads a portfolio of work related to diversity and inclusion at the law school. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: working closely with students who self-identify as diverse, student and alumni affinity groups, and employers; organizing events that foster a sense of community within the law school, such as a diversity welcome reception at the beginning of the school year; partnership with student affinity groups to coordinate programs, such as an annual diversity networking reception co-sponsored with Lambda Law and the Law Association for Women's annual Women in the Round event; managing a diversity and inclusion section on the Career Center website; and administering a diversity mailing list so that interested students can receive information about opportunities, events, and resources. The law school is also part of the DC Diversity Consortium, a recently formed partnership between four, DC-area law schools, and GW Law hosted this year's DC Diversity Consortium 1L Diversity Fair. The law school also participates in a variety of programs, receptions, and job fairs designed to advance diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

### Pro Bono

The George Washington Law School is committed to encouraging students to volunteer their legal services. That commitment is reflected, in part, by the Pro Bono Program. In the Program, students provide legal services to those who cannot afford them or who might not otherwise receive those services. Participation in the Program gives students the opportunity to give back to their community by donating their time and legal expertise. Volunteering also allows students to gain practical legal experience, build their resume, and provide valuable opportunities to establish networking contacts. The Pro Bono Program offers many annual events, including: Public Interest & Pro Bono Pre-Orientation Program; Pro Bono Fair; Alternative Spring Break; and a Pro Bono Recognition Ceremony; The Pro Bono Program also offers many opportunities, including: the Animal Welfare Project; the Gulf Recovery Network; the Hypothermia Homeless Family Outreach Pro Bono Project; the Landlord-Tenant Pro Bono Project; the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project; The Veterans Pro Bono Project; and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA).

JOURNALS	NO. OF STUDENTS	GRADES	WRITE-ON	INTV.	OTHER
The George Washington Law Review	140	70%	30%		n/a
The George Washington Int'l. Law Review	91	70%	30%		n/a
The Public Contract Law Journal	70	70%	30%		n/a
The AIPLA Journal	60	70%	30%		n/a
Int'l Law in Domestic Courts (on-line)	22				100%
The Federal Circuit Bar Journal	69	70%	30%		n/a
Journal of Energy and Environmental Law	80	70%	30%		n/a
Federal Communications Law Journal	80		100%		n/a
The George Washington Business and Finance Law Review	36				

### Student Organizations

DESCRIPTION
International Law Society
Christian Legal Society
Corporate and Business Law Society
National Security Law Association
Nota Bene (Student Newspaper)
Street Law
Student Bar Association
Student Health Law Association
Student Intellectual Property Law Association
Black Law Student Association
Jewish Law Student Association
Muslim Law Student Association
American Civil Liberties Union
East Asian Law Society
J. Reuben Clark Law Society
Student Animal Legal Defense Fund

American Constitution Society
Law Association for Women
Law Revue
Legal Fraternities-Phi Alpha Delta, Phi Delta Phi
Environmental and Energy Law Association
Equal Justice Foundation
Evening Law Student Association
The Federalist Society
Asian/Pacific American Law Student Association
South Asian Law Student Association
Lambda Law
Criminal Law Society
Military Law Society
Human Rights Law Society
Government Contracts Student Association
Gulf Recovery Network
Anti-Corruption & Compliance Association
Antitrust Law Association
Art Law and Entertainment Law Society
Banking and Securities Law Society
Cyberlaw Students Association
Entrepreneurship and Law Society
Immigration Law Association
International Arbitration Student Association
International Refugee Assistance Project
Labor & Employment Law Society
Latino Law Students Association
Law Students for Reproductive Justice
Political Law Society
Promissory Notes
Public Speaking and Debate Law Society
Society of European Law Students
Space Law Society
Tax Law Society
Feminist Forum
Atypical Student Society
Law Justice International Development
National Lawyers Guild
Veteran Law Students Association
GW Law Running Club
GW Law Softball Club

## Narrative

A NATIONAL REPUTATION . . . Established in 1865, The George Washington University Law School is the oldest law school in the District of Columbia. As a national school, GW Law does not emphasize any particular geographic area in its instruction, thereby preparing students to practice law in any part of the country. Just four blocks from the White House and minutes from Congress, the U.S. Supreme Court, and various federal departments and agencies, GW Law offers its students a special opportunity to study and observe lawmaking at its source. RECOGNIZED CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES . . . Students can obtain valuable research and writing experience from membership on one of eight nationally recognized legal journals, some of which focus on international, intellectual property, federal communications, public/government contracting, and energy and environmental law. Four student skills boards -- the Moot Court Board, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Board, the Mock Trial Board , and the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund -- provide additional opportunities for students to participate in a number of competitions and to hone their skills in client counseling, negotiation, trial advocacy, and appellate advocacy. In addition, more than 50 student groups are active at the Law School each year, sponsoring



social, educational, career and public interest related programs and events. **DIVERSE AND TALENTED STUDENTS** . . . GW Law has one of the most diverse student populations in the country. The 2018 entering class was composed of 50 percent women and 29 percent minority students. The 2018 entering class had representatives from 13 countries, 39 states, as well as D.C., and 231 undergraduate institutions. In addition, 73 percent of the students took off a year or more before coming to law school, and, of those, 51 students hold advanced degrees. The Law School has a total enrollment of approximately 1,700 students. Many GW Law students entered law school with experience as working professionals, and many students continue to work while enrolled in GW Law's part-time program. **OUTSTANDING ACADEMICS AND PRACTICAL SKILLS TRAINING** . . . GW Law students gain practical legal skills in 11 clinical programs and innumerable internships and part-time employment opportunities throughout the year. GW law students are taught by expert faculty and offered more than 263 elective courses, seminars, and clinics, including a broad range of classes in environmental, technology, government contracts, and international law. The courses are designed to give students the skills they need to be counselors, litigators, mediators, negotiators, legislators, or lobbyists and to prepare them to practice globally. **INNS OF COURT PROGRAM** . . . The Inns of Court program offers GW Law students support and guidance from a diverse set of advisors dedicated to enriching their law school experience and enhancing their career opportunities. As 1Ls, students are assigned to one of six Inns of Court, named after former Supreme Court Justices, and take all 1L classes with their Inn. Their Inn remains their community for the next few years. (We borrowed the "Inns of Court" name from the British institutions that traditionally trained barristers and regulated their practice.) Within each Inn, students are provided: •an advisory team of faculty, administrators, staff, and upper-class students who help them transition to and thrive in law school, and assist them in developing their legal career paths. Students work with their advisors both in a group setting and one-on-one. •regular sessions on professional development, well-being, and how to succeed in law school. These sessions give students a chance to learn about matters essential to their professional success in addition to what they are learning in the classroom. •an early focus on career satisfaction and career development. Through the Inns of Court, we help students determine what type of career will be meaningful to them, and we connect them with practitioners and alumni to help them begin to build a circle of professional relationships that will lay the foundation for their summer and post-graduate job searches. This dynamic combination of support and career development from the first week of law school is a distinguishing feature of the GW Law experience.

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