LOYOLA LAW

PURSUIT OF JUSTICE & SERVICE TO OTHERS
A LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Greetings from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law!

As you begin your search for a law school home, we encourage you to explore the missions of the schools piquing your interest. Our mission at Loyola is one of social justice, of service to others, of inclusion, and of educating the whole student.

Should you attend the College of Law, not only will you graduate with a legal education, but you also will have multiple opportunities to gain hands-on experience completing the work that attorneys do on a regular basis. We want you to leave us confident in your abilities to excel in the profession. Our skills curriculum, adopted in 1985, is focused on experiential learning, giving you the opportunity to “learn by doing.”

We recently celebrated 100 years of legal education, and we continue to grow, opening new certificate programs in Health Law, Immigration Law, and Social Justice. You will see in the coming pages that we are a school focused on preparing students from all over the country and abroad for the practice of law, and we do this all from the heart of New Orleans. We thank you for your interest, and we hope that we will see you on campus very soon.

Sincerely,

Lawrence W. Moore, S.J., Interim Dean
Ex Officio Philip and Eugenie Brooks Distinguished Professor of Law

HISTORY OF LOYOLA

Loyola University New Orleans is the place where history is made. The university was chartered in 1912 in New Orleans during a time when education and leadership was necessary, and Loyola’s story is marked by the courage of its Jesuit founders and the valued support of the New Orleans community. The university was founded on principles of justice, equality, leadership, and excellence—principles that are even more prominent today.

The foundation of Loyola’s legacy rests in the careers and accomplishments of hundreds of teachers, scientists, Grammy-award winning artists, attorneys, business executives, and pharmacists who call Loyola their alma mater. During their time at Loyola, our students strive for excellence and desire to set the world on fire, work toward justice for all, and grow into men and women with and for others.
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law was established in 1914, initiating a tradition of social justice, ethical and experiential learning, and service to others. In 1931, the College of Law received the approval of the American Bar Association and in 1934 became a member of the Association of American Law Schools. The College of Law is located on the university's Broadway Campus in the heart of Uptown New Orleans, approximately five miles from the historic French Quarter.

In the fall of 2015, the College of Law student population included approximately 613 students from more than 30 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and several foreign countries.

The College of Law's faculty consists of 38 full-time faculty devoted to teaching and scholarship, eight full-time clinical faculty members who supervise small clinical seminars (typically composed of no more than 10 students), two Westerfield Fellows who teach Legal Research and Writing and Moot Court, and three full-time instructors in our Academic Support Program who provide additional instruction and tutoring in legal analysis and legal reasoning. Loyola also has an instructor dedicated to bar preparation services. In addition, Loyola has many committed adjunct faculty who combine teaching with active practices outside the law school.

New Orleans is a vibrant city on its own, and its legal community is just as active. A number of regional and national firms have offices in New Orleans, as do many large, medium, and boutique law firms based in Louisiana.

The College of Law offers many different areas of focus to serve a diverse population of corporations, entrepreneurs, environmental interests, entertainers, local and federal government agencies, military needs, international interests, families, and the community at large.

New Orleans is also a major center for the federal and state judicial systems. At the state level, it is the home of the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and numerous district courts with civil and criminal jurisdiction. At the federal level, it is the home of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, as well as various federal administrative courts.

New Orleans, with its traditions and exciting landscape, serves as the perfect backdrop for learning and working toward justice.
At Loyola, you have the opportunity to study two curricular programs.

Students enrolling in our Civil Law program take a number of specialized courses that focus on the Civil Law tradition in Louisiana. Courses include Property, Obligations, Successions and Donations, and Sales and Leases. Civil law students will also take courses that focus on national subjects covered in Common Law. Students who plan to work in Louisiana should generally choose the Civil Law program.

Our Common Law program features course requirements and offerings similar to those learned in the 49 states outside of Louisiana, such as Federal Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, and Evidence. This program is suited for students who want to practice outside of Louisiana.

Students may also pursue certificates in Civil or Common Law, in the area other than their primary field of study. Certificates allow students to demonstrate basic competency in a specific area of law by focusing their elective courses.

STUDY AT YOUR PACE

The College of Law also offers three part-time options: Civil Law Part-Time Day, Common Law Part-Time Day, and Civil Law Evening. These options also allow students to complete a degree over four years, but give students the flexibility to take classes while still addressing work and/or family obligations.

All J.D. students must complete the following requirements to graduate:

- A minimum of six semesters in residence
- 90 academic hours with at least a 2.0 or C average (see details below)
- Eight skills curriculum credits
- Satisfy all financial obligations to the law school and the university

As part of the 90 academic hours needed to graduate, J.D. students must complete the following:

- All required courses as listed below
- Writing requirement (2 hour requirement)
- Law and Poverty requirement
- Lawyering III. Students are warned that they must have completed this course to participate in Clinic.

For full curriculum requirements, please visit 2015bulletin.loyno.edu/law/juris-doctor
LEARNING BY DOING

After recognizing that “hands-on, learn-by-doing” opportunities to develop the future practitioner’s skills are as important as the traditional academic studies, the College of Law faculty adopted a new professional lawyering skills program called the Law Skills and Experiential Learning program in 1985. This program offers specialized courses taught by practicing attorneys and active judges from across the state. Currently, more than 100 members of the bench and bar teach in our Law Skills and Experiential Learning curriculum.

A wide variety of courses are offered in areas as diverse as Social Security law, the Americans with Disabilities Act, handling criminal cases, and alternative dispute resolution. Students work on the fine points of drafting effective documents and pleadings, learn about electronic discovery and deposition techniques, and are introduced to specialized research tools.

Seniors are also eligible to pursue an intensive trial advocacy training program to hone courtroom skills under the watchful eyes of attorneys and judges.

EXTERNSHIPS

In addition to skills courses, students may also apply for an externship through the Office of Law Skills and Experiential Learning. Externships allow students to work “in the field” under the supervision of judges or lawyers. Placements include both federal and state court, prosecution and defense offices, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Department of Labor, and other non-profit agencies such as environmental protection groups. If you have a particular interest in an area of law, the office will assist you in finding a specialized placement.

PUBLIC INTEREST OPPORTUNITIES/ SERVICE TO OTHERS

The Gillis Long Poverty Law Center promotes legal research and education concerning the problems of indigent people and assists those providing legal services to those unable to afford representation. Additional programs facilitated through Gillis Long include public service awards, our Loan Repayment Assistance Program, and our Summer Internship Program. The Summer Internship Program provides students with opportunities to work with legal services offices throughout the state and nation, along with the added assistance of a student stipend.

Law students at Loyola have the option of participating in the Gillis Long Student Pro Bono Program to satisfy the Law and Poverty requirement needed for graduation. The Gillis Long Student Pro Bono Program requires 50 hours of pro bono work that the student may perform at any time during his or her law school career. The program, under The Gillis Long Poverty Law Center, places students at approved sites where they can gain practical legal experience while performing legal work such as conducting client interviews; performing legal research and writing; and, in some cases, representing clients before the courts where it is permitted by law. Areas of practice include such fields as Domestic Law, Homeless Law, Mental Health Law, Juvenile Law, Social Security issues, the death penalty, Elder Law, Consumer Law, and AIDS issues. Additional information regarding these programs is available at loyno.edu/gillislong

CLINICS/PURSUIT OF JUSTICE

The Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic and Center for Social Justice is a fully functioning legal clinic that allows third-year law students the opportunity to represent indigent clients under the supervision of experienced attorneys. Stuart H. Smith, a 1986 Loyola University New Orleans College of Law graduate, built a career seeking justice for his clients and shining a light on environmental issues. His firm has settled or tried dozens of property damage and personal injury cases and represented thousands of clients injured by toxic chemicals or defective products.

The clinic complements and builds upon the first two years of traditional legal education with the added benefit of our Skills curriculum. Clinic students participate in interviewing, counseling, research, writing, drafting pleadings and appeals, negotiating, mediating, arguing before judges and juries, and appearing in court to examine and cross-examine witnesses, giving them the hands-on experience to success after graduation.

Clinic students practice in many areas of the law, including Children’s Rights, Community Justice, Criminal Defense, Criminal Prosecution, Environmental Policy Advocacy, Family Law, Immigration Law, Technology and Legal Innovation, and Workplace Justice. Students may also participate in our Street Law Program.

Additional information regarding these clinics is available at loyno.edu/lawclinic

*Most of our clinic students state that clinic is one of the best educational experiences of their law school careers because representing real clients in real courtroom cases against real opposing attorneys before real judges puts the practice of law into perspective while still in school and transforms them from inexperienced law students into confident, eager, professional, and successful attorneys. Each year, I am overwhelmed by the transformation of my students and their energy, passion, knowledge, time commitment, personal and professional development, and zealous advocacy while representing their clients.*

—Clinical Professor Cheryl P. Buchert
The College of Law offers three joint degree programs:

- Juris Doctor (J.D.)/Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Juris Doctor (J.D.)/Master of Urban and Regional Planning (M.U.R.P.) with the University of New Orleans
- Juris Doctor (J.D.)/Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) with the University of New Orleans

Applicants for all joint degree programs must apply separately to the College of Law and to either the Loyola University New Orleans College of Business or to the University of New Orleans Department of Planning and Urban Studies. Applicants must be accepted individually to each program. The schools together will determine whether the applicant is eligible for the combined program. Once enrolled, semester hours are adjusted to allow the possibility of completing both programs within a four-year period.

For further information about the J.D./M.B.A., visit www.law.loyno.edu/jd-mba

For further information on the J.D./M.U.R.P. or J.D./M.P.A., please visit www.cupa.uno.edu

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The College of Law offers certificates in several niche areas of study. Certificates are awarded to students who have completed all requirements for graduation with additional coursework in the following areas:

- CERTIFICATE IN CIVIL LAW
- CERTIFICATE IN COMMON LAW
- CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
- CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH LAW
- CERTIFICATE IN IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP LAW PRACTICE
- CERTIFICATE IN INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES
- CERTIFICATE IN LAW, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE
- CERTIFICATE IN TAXATION LAW

For information on our certificate program requirements, please visit www.law.loyno.edu/juris-doctor

"Loyola students bring a fresh perspective to any issue we discuss in and outside of class; they are curious, inventive, and passionate, always with a genuine respect for others' opinions. They are a true joy to teach."
—Professor Monica Hof Wallace

"Loyola has been family from day one of 1L year. Whenever I've needed help, there is always a professor or administrator ready to assist, and the networking advantages of Loyola are tremendously helpful in furthering my experience in the legal profession."
—Wayne Connor '11, J.D. '15
MOOT COURT

The College of Law’s Moot Court program gives students an opportunity to participate in intercollegiate competitions to sharpen their appellate argument skills and brief writing skills. One of the most demanding and respected moot court programs in legal education, Loyola’s teams have won and placed highly in numerous regional, national, and international competitions.

LOYOLA LAW REVIEW

The Loyola Law Review is a scholarly legal journal published quarterly by the student editors, members, and candidates on Law Review. It was first published in 1920 as the Loyola Law Journal and has been published continuously as the Loyola Law Review since 1941. The Loyola Law Review has more than 800 subscribers nationally and abroad and regularly features articles by nationally and internationally recognized scholars.

LOYOLA JOURNAL OF PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

The Loyola Journal of Public Interest Law is one of only two law journals in the nation that is devoted to issues faced by the poor, children, the elderly, and all others who are unable to afford legal representation. It is published by qualified students chosen to participate in the editing of the journal.

LOYOLA MARITIME LAW JOURNAL

The Loyola Maritime Law Journal provides a venue for research and writing by students, faculty, and practitioners in the field of maritime law. Editorial board members are selected annually from the editorial staff. Students who have completed all requirements of the first year of the full- or part-time curriculums and who are in the top third of their respective programs are invited to apply for candidacy for journal membership.
Loyola students have the opportunity to see international law in action while studying abroad.

**STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES**

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law’s emphasis on comparative and international law has generated curricular innovation and numerous programs that offer students and faculty opportunities to study and develop expertise in this growing field. Loyola’s Summer Legal Studies programs are important components of the College of Law’s international focus. Over the years, Loyola has sponsored foreign summer programs in a number of countries, including Austria, Brazil, Hungary, and Russia. These sessions offer a broad selection of comparative and international law courses with particular emphasis on those relevant to the host countries’ legal systems and cultures.

**VIENNA, AUSTRIA**
The University of Vienna School of Law is the site of Loyola’s largest foreign summer program. Faculty members from the Loyola College of Law and the University of Vienna teach several 1-credit-hour seminars and one 3-credit-hour comparative law course. Visits to government institutions and special lectures complement the law curriculum.

Students participate in the rich array of cultural offerings available in the imperial city of Vienna, both individually and in groups. This spectacular location and international environment enable the students to experience the impressive historical and cultural flavor of this great European capital. Also, trips to Prague, Salzburg, and Venice enhance the weekends during the program.

**MOSCOW, RUSSIA**
In cooperation with the Law School of Moscow State University, the Loyola College of Law sponsors an exciting three-week summer law program in Moscow, Russia. The program provides law students with the opportunity to study law in a country whose legal, economic, social, and cultural foundations are undergoing a historic transition.

Program participants will be introduced to the Russian legal system in transition through a series of lectures, receptions, and meetings with Russian judges, lawyers, and public officials, as well as tours of trial courts, appellate courts, and government buildings. A number of program participants secure summer internship positions with law firms, businesses, and law-reform organizations in Moscow for the remainder of the summer. Optional programs include a weekend in St. Petersburg during the White Nights Festival.

**SPETSES, GREECE**
Positioned strategically between east and west, near the crossroads of Europe and Asia, and a member of the European Union since 1981, Greece is ideally situated as a microcosm of current legal issues. Spetzes is the ideal place to observe the gap between the rich, represented by wealthy Greek weekenders, and the working class, exemplified by the year-round residents who struggle with newly imposed austerity measures.

This program has been designed to examine legal, economic, and social issues in both an academic and experiential way. In addition to dealing with approaches to the choice-of-law process, students will have opportunities to explore fundamentals of the constitutional system, examine immigration issues, explore legal issues in the protection of cultural property, and explore the health policy in a nation that has one of the most progressive policies regarding assisted reproduction.

**PANAMA CITY, PANAMA**
Offered in cooperation with Universidad Latina de Panamá, this dynamic and experiential two-week program in Panama City, Panama, is ideal for students who wish to study abroad and still have almost the entire summer for work. Panama is a particularly appropriate jurisdiction for a summer law program.

Panama’s privileged geographic position, its dynamic financial sector, and the presence of the Panama Canal have combined to foster the development of a sophisticated legal sector. Sharing features of Louisiana’s civil law system, Panama also shares some of the same unique characteristics as New Orleans – such as a rich Spanish colonial heritage, a storied maritime history, a flourishing economy, and copious natural resources. These characteristics make Panama City an excellent choice as a venue for the examination of comparative and international issues associated with Immigration Law, Maritime Law, and Arbitration Law.

In addition to being the first U.S. law summer abroad program in Panama, the Panama City program will continue Loyola’s tradition of offering quality Spanish language programs to our students.

“Loyola University New Orleans has been committed to the mission of promoting and supporting diversity for many years through admitting, raising, and advancing young lawyers, regardless of their origins and backgrounds. With students arriving here to study law not only from all over the United States, but also globally, helps to improve the effort to understand and integrate differences drawn by various cultures and regions. Loyola’s diversity commitment became a part of how I view and reflect many of my own personal values today.”

—Sergey Garanyants, J.D. ’15

Visit law.loyno.edu for more information.
“Every year a new class enters the College of Law with various student personalities and career paths. Over the course of one or two semesters, each class seems to have their own personality. One consistent characteristic at Loyola is the culture to help each other through the experience and toward success. Students help and believe in each around here. This trait is the foundation of professionalism.”

—Skills Curriculum Director
Christine Cerniglia-Brown, J.D. ’03

Criminal Law Seminar: Minorities in the Criminal Justice System
Evidence
Evidence/Procedure Seminar
Federal Appellate Advocacy
Federal Criminal Law
Louisiana Criminal Procedure
Trial Practice Seminar
Clinic – Defense and Prosecution

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (Certificate Option)
Administrative Law
Environmental Justice Seminar
Environmental Law
Environmental Law Seminar
Land Use Law
Mineral Law
Natural Resources Law
Selected Topics of International Environmental Law
Clinic – Environmental Policy

CORPORATE/BUSINESS/FINANCE LAW
Agency and Partnership
Annuity Law
Business Organizations I & II
Business Planning
Commercial Transactions
Consumer Law
Contracts I & II
Contracts/Commercial Law Seminar
Conventional Obligations I & II
Corporate Finance
Creditors’ Rights and Bankruptcy
Employment Discrimination
Financial Institutions Law
Injured Employee Compensation and Tort Remedies
Insurance
International Financial Services Law
International Investment Law
International Trade Law

ENTERTAINMENT LAW
Contracts I & II
Conventional Obligations
Copyright Law
Regulation of the Entertainment Industries Seminar
Regulation of the Sports Industries Seminar

FAMILY LAW
Civil Law of Persons
Community Property
Estate Planning
Family Law
Family Law Seminar
Juvenile Law Seminar
Louisiana Probate
Louisiana Probate Seminar
Successions
Taxation of the Family: Structuring the Tax Consequences of Marriage, Divorce and Death
Trusts and Estates
Clinic – Family Law
Clinic – Juvenile

HEALTH CARE (Certificate Option)
Bioethics and the Law
Comparative Reproductive Bioethics
and the Law
ERISA
Health Law II: Access, Regulation, Compliance and Strategy
Insurance
Introduction to Health Care Law
Medical Malpractice

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY
Communications Law
Competition Law
Computer Law
Copyright Law
Intellectual Property Law
Intellectual Property Law Seminar
on Digital Delivery of Entertainment Products
Law and Technology Seminar
Patent Law
Trademark, Trade Name and Unfair Competition Law
Clinic – Law and Technology

INTERNATIONAL LAW (Certificate Option)
Comparative Law
Comparative Law Seminar
Conflict of Laws
Human Rights Advocacy Project
Immigration and Citizenship Law
Immigration and Citizenship Law Seminar
International Dispute Resolution
International Financial Services Law
International Investment Law
International Law
International Legal Seminar
International Seminar: Human Rights Advocacy in the U.S.
International Taxation
International Trade Law
Law of the European Union I & II
Selected Topics in International Environmental Law
Seminar in Legal French
Clinic – Immigration Law

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW
Administrative Law
Agency and Partnership
Commercial Transactions
Contracts I & II

PROPERTY, DECEDENTS’ ESTATES AND REAL ESTATE LAW
Civil Law Property I & II
Common Law Property
Creditors’ Rights and Bankruptcy
Estate Planning
Land Use Law
Louisiana Donations and Trusts
Louisiana Probate
Louisiana Probate Seminar
Real Estate Transactions
Sales and Leases
Successions
Title Examination
Trusts and Estates

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW (Certificate Option)
Advanced Constitutional Law – 14th Amendment
Advanced Legislative and Administrative Advocacy
Capital Punishment and the Constitution
Child Advocacy Seminar
Civil Rights Actions Under Section 1983
Clinical Externship
Clinical Seminar
Constitutional Criminal Procedure
Constitutional Law Seminar
Creditors’ Rights and Bankruptcy
Criminal Law
Criminal Law Seminar
Employment Discrimination
Environmental Law
Environmental Law Seminar
First Amendment
Gender, Race and Law in Film and Literature
Immigration and Citizenship Law
International Law Seminar
Human Rights Advocacy in the U.S.
Journal of Public Interest Law Seminar
Law and Education Seminar
Law and Technology Seminar
Legal Research
Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure
Mediation and Arbitration
Moot Court
Trial Practice Seminar
Torts I & II

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FINANCING YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION

Your legal education is an investment, and the Loyola College of Law is here to help with two kinds of financial aid: scholarships and loans.

Dean’s Scholarships are awarded to applicants with exceptional academic ability, based on the student’s undergraduate record and LSAT score, diversity, and experience.

Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible, as scholarship funds may be exhausted before all the seats are filled for the entering class. Retention information is provided with every award.

Loans differ greatly from scholarships. There are two federal student loan opportunities:

• The William D. Ford Direct Unsubsidized Loan may provide the student with up to $20,500 per year.
• Additional loan opportunities are available through the Federal Grad Plus program. For the Graduate Plus loan, approval is premised on a student’s credit, but co-borrow options are available.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Loyola University College of Law seeks to admit applicants who will be successful and ethical students as well as competent lawyers in communities across this country. We are committed to creating a student body that embraces many perspectives and backgrounds. Each application is given a full file review.

Requirements are as follows:

• A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or have made progress towards three-fourths of a bachelor's degree if applying for our Early Admit Program

• A completed application submitted electronically through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) website at www.lsac.org

• A complete Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report that includes all prior undergraduate transcripts provided by the LSAC to the College of Law admissions office and a current Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) score

• A personal statement (2-3 pages in length)

• Letters of recommendation (2 required)

• Optional documents include a diversity statement, a resume, and any addenda. All are strongly encouraged.

WHEN SHOULD YOU APPLY?

First-year applicants are accepted only for the fall semester. Application processing begins each year on September 15, and continues until August 1 on a rolling basis. Applicants are strongly urged to submit applications as early as possible, especially for scholarship consideration.

Please contact Law Admissions with any questions regarding your specific circumstances or needs at ladmit@loyno.edu

EARLY ADMIT PROGRAM AND INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

EARLY ADMIT PROGRAM

Early Admit (3+3) Program

Loyola’s Early Admit (3+3) Program allows undergraduate students who will have completed three-fourths of their undergraduate degree requirements to be admitted to the law school before graduation from Loyola University undergraduate programs. Acceptance to this program requires somewhat higher entering credentials than those of students enrolling in law school with a conferred undergraduate degree.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

International applicants are required to take the LSAT and register for the Credential Assembly Service (CAS), unless they have completed a law degree outside of the U.S. and are licensed to practice law. All foreign transcripts sent to the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) will be evaluated and processed through CAS. In addition, all international applicants requiring F-1 or J-1 visas must submit an affidavit of support certifying the ability to fund one’s law school tuition and living expenses. All applicants requiring a visa are encouraged to apply as early as possible as there could be delays in visa processing.

TRANSFER OR ADVANCED STANDING

Transfer or Advanced Standing Admission

A student who has pursued law study at another law school and wishes to apply for transfer or advanced standing admission must generally follow the same application procedure as an applicant for first-year admission. However, additional requirements apply, so please contact Law Admissions at ladmit@loyno.edu

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Loyola University New Orleans has fully supported and fostered in its educational programs, admissions, employment practices, and in the activities it operates the policy of not discriminating on the basis of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex/gender, or sexual orientation. This policy is in compliance with all applicable federal regulations and guidelines.

Bar Admission

All potential applicants are advised that every state has its own character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the state bar. Prior to enrolling in law school, you should determine what those requirements are in the state or states in which you intend to practice. Additionally, many bar authorities require that the law school provide a copy of your admission application. Any discrepancy between your law school application and your bar application will trigger an investigation and a possible delay in admission to the bar.