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Message from the Dean

If the standard of a law school’s greatness is the caliber of its students, the success of its graduates and the dedication of its faculty, then there is no doubt that the Duquesne University School of Law stands among the nation’s best.

At Duquesne, we seek the best and brightest students to join our community of scholars, and we prepare them for success every step of the way.

You cannot get lost here. The deans and professors will know you from the day you walk in the front door, and you will know them. Classes are small. Professors are easily accessible to students and spend many hours with them. You can see any of the deans, including me, on a drop-in basis. Together we learn, we produce scholarly works, and we make a difference in our community and in our world.

Our alumni have achieved top leadership positions in government and in business, and have excelled in private practice. We are proud of the number of graduates who have attained judicial office in Pennsylvania, New York, California and many other states. We are grateful to have active alumni who contribute time, talent and resources on behalf of their law school alma mater and our current students.

Finally, there is one factor that distinguishes our law school, and that, quite simply, is the fact that we are part of Duquesne University, a Catholic institution dedicated to moral, ethical and spiritual values. In an era when ethical concerns are among the most important questions facing the legal profession, Duquesne University’s School of Law has, for a century, reflected the University’s unique emphasis on justice and service to others.

This unequaled combination of attributes, along with the convenience of Full-Time Day, Part-Time Day and Evening programs, and a competitive tuition rate, leads hundreds of students to apply each year. Those selected bring a mix of backgrounds and experiences and enjoy an atmosphere of openness and diversity.

You are invited to read on and learn more about the many dynamic opportunities that the Duquesne University School of Law has to offer and to consider becoming a part of our rich tradition.

Sincerely,

Ken Gormley, J.D.
Dean, Professor of Law
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Learn more about Dean Gormley by visiting www.duq.edu/law/gormley.
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The Duquesne lawyer knows the law both in a comprehensive fashion and, increasingly, in a range of highly specialized areas such as corporate law, litigation, intellectual property, energy and environmental law, healthcare law and international law.

The Duquesne lawyer is well trained in the law, but also understands the difference between what the law allows us to do and what we should do—the difference between what is legal in a given situation and what is right.

He or she will always be highly competent in the details of the law, but more than that, will temper this technical skill with wisdom, compassion and prudence.

We educate lawyers with a commitment to the highest standard of ethics and professionalism.

At Duquesne University, you can attend a law school that:

► Is ranked 22nd in the nation for bar exam preparation by National Jurist magazine in 2012

► Produces nationally award-winning trial advocacy and appellate moot court teams

► Has more than 175 alumni named 2012 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and 68 named Rising Stars
Duquesne University has one of the nation’s top 10 Legal Research and Writing programs as ranked by U.S. News & World Report.
A Century of Excellence

Pittsburgh Catholic College was founded in 1878 by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit—the Spiritans—to offer the children of Pittsburgh’s hard-working immigrants an opportunity for higher education and advancement beyond the region’s mills and mines.

In 1911, we became the first Catholic institution in Pennsylvania to be chartered as a university. Renamed Duquesne University, we established our first professional program—a School of Law—in that same year. In the Spiritan tradition, Duquesne’s School of Law was a pioneer in making quality legal education available to working-class students, minorities and women. Every one of the initial 12 students graduated in June 1914 and successfully completed the Pennsylvania Board of Law examination.

Throughout our 100-year history, Duquesne University School of Law has earned a prominent position in legal circles—from coast to coast and around the world. Our proven record of excellence is the result of a unique mission, a talented student body, outstanding faculty and facilities, rankings and recognition, and the availability of Day, Evening and Part-Time Day programs.
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Academics

Degree Programs

JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

► Day Division
This program offers a three-year curriculum in residence, designed for students who wish to devote full-time effort to the study of law. The Law School limits outside employment for upper-level, full-time Day Division students and discourages outside employment for first-year, full-time Day Division students.

► Evening Division
Prospective students who cannot devote their full time to the study of law may apply to the Evening Division, a complete program of study leading to graduation after four years in residence. Courses are scheduled Monday through Friday evenings and occasionally on Saturdays.

► Part-Time Day Division
This unique program allows students to pursue legal studies within a well-defined time frame, convenient for individuals with professional or family commitments.

Admission criteria and performance standards are the same in all three divisions.

LLM FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS

► This program offers a Foreign Lawyer LLM degree to candidates who have already completed legal studies in their respective home countries. Enrollment is limited to allow for individual attention to LLM students within the Duquesne community. Visit www.duq.edu/law/academics/llm for more details.

JOINT DEGREES

Visit www.duq.edu/law for additional details about these programs.

► Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration
School of Law/John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business

► Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Environmental Science and Management
School of Law/Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences

► Juris Doctor/Master of Divinity
School of Law/Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

► Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Healthcare Ethics
School of Law/McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts

EARLY ADMISSIONS PROGRAMS

Qualified students may be eligible to participate in our accelerated 3/3 program that allows them to earn a bachelor’s degree (BS or BA) and a Juris Doctor (JD) in six years.

For more information about 3/3 program partnerships within Duquesne University and with other institutions, please visit www.duq.edu/law/admissions.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility for the early admissions programs requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 over three years; a minimum LSAT score in the 60th percentile (students interested in applying should take the LSAT in the fall or winter of their junior year); and a letter of recommendation from the pre-law advisor to the Law School’s director of admissions. Additional requirements vary among the partner schools. Interested students should contact the Law School’s Admissions Office directly for further information.
At Duquesne, you’ll study a curriculum built on ethical values and service to others.

**CURRICULUM**

At Duquesne, you’ll study a curriculum built on ethical values and service to others. Our courses prepare you to become effective, competent members of the legal profession. This requires the development of analytical ability and associated fundamental skills. Later, in professional situations, you will turn to these problem-solving techniques as you face the daily challenges of legal work.

Our program recognizes the importance of basic intellectual ability in a lawyer’s training, while simultaneously illustrating the vital roles of common sense, prudent judgment, sensitivity and concern for others, self-motivation, and an appetite and capacity for sustained hard work.

While basic concepts of the law are constant, professional practice and legal education constantly evolve to meet changing needs and address new issues. We continually review the curriculum to ensure that its foundations are maintained and strengthened while addressing current and emerging fields of practice and present-day issues.

The required courses are sufficiently broad to provide you with the requisite skills to become a competent attorney in any field of practice. A wide selection of practice concentrations, professional skills courses, elective courses, seminars, and in-house and external clinics allows you to focus on specialized legal fields, build personal and ethical perspectives, and explore contemporary issues.

Visit [www.duq.edu/law/Registrar](http://www.duq.edu/law/Registrar) for course descriptions and related information.
CONCENTRATIONS
A major effort is under way to redesign the Law School’s curriculum to create the following concentrations, which will allow you to select electives that correspond to your particular areas of interest in the law. Please visit www.duq.edu/law/registrar for a list of our current curricular offerings.

- Business Law
- Civil Litigation
- Criminal Law
- Energy and Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Government and Public Interest Law
- Healthcare Law and Science
- International and Comparative Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Law and Religion
- Property and Real Estate Law

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM
The goal of the Academic Excellence Program (AEP) is to help all students build the independent learning skills necessary for success in law school, on the bar exam and in the practice of law. The AEP strives to achieve this goal through a variety of innovative initiatives that are supported by the most up-to-date academic research on law school pedagogy. The AEP presents skill-building workshops to first-year students throughout the academic year and also offers one-on-one support to students who struggle academically.

FACULTY
At Duquesne, you’ll learn from renowned scholars and practitioners who are accessible and supportive. There are also opportunities to work directly with many professors through independent research, clinics, moot court and mock trial.

Our faculty are well regarded by our students and by their peers, because Duquesne University Law School professors take special pride in excelling in the classroom. A number of professors have received the highest Martindale-Hubbell rating for ethical standards and professional ability based on peer review evaluations. Only a small percentage of practicing lawyers in the United States achieve this elite ranking.

Legal Research and Writing Program

First-year students gain the fundamental training needed by all attorneys with our Legal Research and Writing Program. Led by program director Professor Jan M. Levine, a nationally respected expert in the field, the School of Law’s program was ranked as one of the best in the nation by U.S. News & World Report for the fourth consecutive year. The magazine’s most recent Best Law Schools Specialty Ranking: Legal Writing placed Duquesne’s program at No. 6 of 195 schools nationwide.
Beyond the Classroom
Enriching Students’ Legal Education

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION — PUTTING THEORY INTO PRACTICE

Clinical education is one of our instructional cornerstones. As a student here, you will have the opportunity to participate in a number of law clinics and externships that provide live client experiences and often include opportunities to appear in court.

Duquesne’s Clinical Legal Education program is housed right on campus with nearly 4,000 square feet of functional space that includes lawyers’ offices, student work stations, conference rooms and a small courtroom. This replication of a law office environment promotes respect for the practice of law and legitimizes law students to their clientele and the community. The location is ideal: two blocks from downtown Pittsburgh and the Allegheny County Courthouse, the Federal Courthouse, the Department of Court Records, the Recorder of Deeds and hundreds of law firms.

The Clinical Legal Education program has three goals:
• to serve the community by providing good counsel
• to train students in the actual practice of law
• to promote the rewards of public service

These rewards are often enduring, as students typically carry a passion for pro bono work into their legal careers.
Duquesne’s Law Clinic is housed right on campus with nearly **4,000 square feet of functional space** that includes lawyers’ offices, student work stations, conference rooms and a small courtroom.
PROVIDING ESSENTIAL LEGAL SERVICES

In keeping with Duquesne’s mission of service, law students work for credit within the community while receiving practical legal education. Clinical opportunities include:

- **Civil Rights Clinic**
  Students have the opportunity to gain practical experience while working on civil rights claims with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, EEOC with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, EEOC and NAACP.

- **Community Enterprise Clinic**
  Students work for non profit groups and organizations committed to effecting change in distressed communities through economic and community development.

- **Federal Practice Clinic**
  Students represent indigent inmates in federal prison and serve as pro bono counsel in civil rights matters.

- **Pro Se Motions Clinic**
  Students participate in the representation of clients through the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Pro Se Motions Project. Student attorneys assist indigent Family Court litigants in matters involving visitation, custody and paternity.

- **Veterans Clinic**
  Student attorneys work with veterans charged with felonies or misdemeanors in the Allegheny County Veterans Court.

- **Unemployment Compensation Clinic**
  Students assist low-income clients with unemployment compensation matters.

- **Urban Development Clinic**
  Students provide pro bono legal services to urban renewal organizations working in distressed communities.

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Clinical Legal Education program provides approximately 200 externship opportunities for credit. Students receive not only educational and practical legal experience, but also professional mentorship by Law School alumni and other supervising attorneys. Externship opportunities include:

- **Appellate and Trial Court Judicial Externship**
  Students work under the direction of a judge or justice of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Pennsylvania Superior Court, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Supreme Court, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County or neighboring counties, or U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

- **Civil and Family Law Externship**
  Students work for KidsVoice and the Neighborhood Legal Services Association to gain experience in civil law matters including landlord-tenant, Social Security, disability, family law and unemployment compensation claims.

- **Criminal Defense and Prosecution Externship**
  Students working for the Allegheny County District Attorney or the Office of Conflicts Counsel assist with research and motions and appear in court.

- **Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Externship**
  Students receive experience in environmental litigation while working in the DEP’s Pittsburgh regional legal office.

- **Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office Externship**
  Students work in one or more divisions of the state Attorney General’s Office; i.e., Criminal Law, Torts, Civil Rights and Consumer Protection.

- **United States Attorney Externship**
  Students work in the Appellate, Criminal and Civil sections of the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Learn more about the Clinical Legal Education program at [www.duq.edu/law/clinics](http://www.duq.edu/law/clinics).
The chancellor of the University, Dr. John E. Murray Jr., nationally renowned contracts scholar, teaches courses in Contracts and Sales and Leased Goods.
GAIN A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE: STUDY LAW ABROAD IN BEIJING, COLOGNE OR DUBLIN

Duquesne University School of Law understands that the next generation of lawyers will be practicing law on an international basis. To enhance student opportunities in the growing fields of global law, we offer several international summer programs. Sessions are typically three weeks in length and are offered for 4.5 hours of ABA-approved credit. One or more of the following programs are offered each summer:

- Duquesne was the first American law school to establish a summer program in Beijing, China. Sponsored by Duquesne and hosted by the prestigious China University of Political Science and Law, the program features a comprehensive survey of the Chinese legal system. The intensive three-week curriculum provides unique insight into the ancient yet changing legal landscape in the world’s most populous nation.

- Through a partnership between the Law School of the University of Cologne and the Duquesne University School of Law, students participate in three one-week modules: European Public Law, a Workshop in Corporate Governance and European Intellectual Property. In addition to the classroom program and time spent in Paris and Brussels, a number of cultural excursions in Germany are included.

- The Summer Study of Law in Ireland, offered in conjunction with the University College Dublin Faculty of Law and the Queen’s University Belfast Faculty of Law, covers subjects related to the law of the European Union from an Irish perspective. The program includes plenty of time to explore the city of Dublin and the Irish countryside.

- Duquesne was also the first American law school to offer a summer legal study program in the Vatican City State, in the shadow of St. Peter’s Basilica.
NETWORK AND LEARN FROM SPEAKERS AND GUEST FACULTY

In 2011, students had the opportunity to spend part of their summer abroad in Italy with Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito. Recent speakers on campus have included:

- United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia
- U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder
- United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit Judge Richard A. Posner
- Lilly Ledbetter, namesake of President Obama’s Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act of 2009
- Linda L. Kelly, attorney general for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a 1975 Duquesne Law School graduate
- Gretchen R. Haggerty, executive vice president and chief financial officer of United States Steel Corporation and a 1980 Duquesne Law School graduate
Law Libraries  www.duq.edu/law/library

**DUQUESNE CENTER FOR LEGAL INFORMATION (DCLI)**

The Duquesne Center for Legal Information (DCLI), a state-of-the-art facility spanning three floors, is an essential part of the School of Law. Law students have access to comprehensive and in-depth print and electronic legal information resources covering federal, state and international and comparative law for study and research. A team of knowledgeable and experienced librarian faculty and staff provide excellent, student-centered instruction and research assistance. The easily accessible electronic resources offered by the DCLI allow you to conduct legal research from virtually any location using your choice of web-enabled electronic devices.

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY LAW LIBRARY (ACLL)**

The Center also manages the Allegheny County Law Library (ACLL), one of the largest and oldest county law libraries in the country, which is located within walking distance of the Law School. As a result, Duquesne law students have direct access to ACLL's historic and rich collection.
Duquesne’s proximity, within blocks of the Pittsburgh region’s legal center, makes its Law Library, the Duquesne Center for Legal Information (DCLI), one of the area’s major sources for legal research and information services.
LAW SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

Duquesne’s campus offers the best of both worlds—a secure, private enclave for academic pursuits located only steps away from Pittsburgh’s vibrant urban center. The Law School is housed in the Edward J. Hanley Hall and the Dr. John E. Murray Jr. Pavilion at the heart of Duquesne University’s hilltop campus. The combined structures occupy nearly 125,000 square feet and are the hub of a Duquesne law student’s experience. Administrative and faculty offices, classrooms of various sizes, two courtrooms, study areas and a multilevel Law Library are all under one roof, along with a locker room, café, lounge area and offices for student organizations.

Offices and conference areas for the School’s law clinics are located on campus. Law School facilities feature state-of-the-art computer and audio/video technology for teaching, research and administrative functions.

Law School students also have access to all of the other amenities on Duquesne’s modern 50-acre campus, including computer laboratories, Gumberg Library, dining services, Starbucks, Barnes & Noble bookstore and extensive recreational facilities.

A DIVERSE STUDENT BODY

From its foundation 100 years ago, Duquesne University School of Law has been a pioneer in making quality education available to a diverse student body, including minorities and women. Students come from a variety of ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds and bring with them a broad range of personal and professional interests. They also bring undergraduate degrees from both small colleges and major universities.
LIVE ON OR OFF CAMPUS

Duquesne’s Brottier Hall offers housing exclusively to upper-class, graduate and law students. Furnished or unfurnished, studio and one-bedroom apartments are available with 12-month leases. Brottier Hall is ideal for law students, as it is located across the street from the Law School, providing a quick commute to classes and lectures. Utilities are included and an on-site fitness facility is available to residents, making Brottier Hall an attractive, convenient housing option. For more information, please contact brottierinfo@duq.edu or call 412.396.1600.

There are also numerous off-campus housing options in Pittsburgh neighborhoods near campus. Visit www.duq.edu/residence-life or www.duq.edu/commuter-affairs for more information about available housing options and other resources.
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Duquesne University School of Law has many student organizations, enabling students to pursue individual interests and take part in activities with fellow students, alumni and members of the community. See www.duq.edu/law/organizations for descriptions of each organization.

- African and Islamic Law Society
- American Bar Association/Law Student Division
- American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
- Animal Law Society
- Black Law Students Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Corporate Law Society
- Criminal Law Association
- Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity International
- Duquesne Intellectual Property Law Association
- Duquesne Italian-American Law Society
- Education Law and Policy Society
- Energy and Mineral Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- Family Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Health Law Society
- International Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Military Law Society
- Older and Wiser Law Students
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Public Interest Law Association
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Student Bar Association
- Women’s Law Association

Student Opportunities and Organizations

PRO BONO PROGRAM

The Law School’s faculty, staff and students have a long tradition of serving the community and helping those in need. Duquesne Law School’s Pro Bono Program goes one step further by providing a structure through which students can recognize the professional obligation to serve the disadvantaged. The Pro Bono Program encourages and facilitates law students to serve the public interest with the goal that they will then serve the public interest in their professional careers. The program has two parts:

- Matching students with private attorneys working on pro bono cases who need help with research, writing and litigation preparation.
- Pairing students with public interest legal organizations based on specific areas of interests.

TRIAL ADVOCACY AND APPELLATE MOOT COURT

Each year, a select number of students are appointed to teams that have the opportunity to represent Duquesne University School of Law at competitions across the country devoted to trial and appellate moot court, arbitration and client counseling.

Many teams have won competitions at the regional and national levels including the National Institute for Trial Advocacy’s Tournament of Champions, American Association for Justice Trial Competition and National Civil Trial Competition.
Trial Advocacy Program: The Trial Advocacy Program is offered to selected upper-level students (second- and third-year Day and third- and fourth-year Evening/Part-Time Day) who have demonstrated interest and competency in trial advocacy and evidence. The students compete in regional and national trial competitions. The students invited to participate in these competitions receive academic credit for their work.

Appellate Moot Court Board: The Duquesne University School of Law Appellate Moot Court Board (“Board”) is a student-run organization for upper-division students. The Board is devoted to the development of excellence in legal advocacy through practice and competition. The Board requires the highest standards of academic excellence and personal integrity both as a condition of earning membership and as a condition of maintaining membership. Students who are selected to participate in this program have the opportunity to gain valuable experience in preparing appellate briefs and oral arguments as well as experience with negotiation, arbitration and client counseling. Through participation on the Board, students can earn between one and seven academic credits.
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Duquesne University School of Law promotes scholarship by providing students with the opportunity to participate in various publications. Members of publications have the opportunity to enhance their research and writing skills and to contribute to the professional discourse on cutting-edge legal issues.

**Duquesne Law Review**

The *Duquesne Law Review* is a scholarly journal that publishes articles by attorneys, professors and law students. Its purpose is to provide the professional legal community with a research tool, while giving students an opportunity to refine their research and writing skills. Responsibilities are determined on the basis of class rank and writing skills. Responsibilities involve editing and production tasks. Academic credit is granted in the final year of membership. *Law Review* has traditionally been a symbol of high academic achievement and is so recognized among the entire legal profession.

**Duquesne Criminal Law Journal**

Founded in 2009, the *Duquesne Criminal Law Journal* is a student-run organization that publishes scholarly works semi-annually in an online format. Its goal is to provide a venue for analyzing criminal law issues. The Journal utilizes a peer review system, in which members from the legal community review submissions to this Journal, thus maintaining a higher academic standard. Members may receive academic credit for their work on this Journal.

**Duquesne Business Law Journal**

The *Duquesne Business Law Journal* is a semiannual publication that focuses not only on topics that currently affect the world of business, but also on evolving Supreme Court case law and influential persons in the business community. Published articles deal with issues involving securities, contracts and international business, and are written by students, faculty, alumni and practicing attorneys. Members may receive academic credit for their work on this Journal.

**Duquesne Environmental Health Law Journal**

The *Duquesne Environmental Health Law Journal (DEHLJ)* serves as a forum for the examination, analysis and criticism of predominant issues in environmental and health law. In this respect, it serves not only to inform and influence courts, the bar and legal scholars, but also provides law students an opportunity to participate in that process. Working on the DEHLJ gives students the opportunity to work with like-minded peers with an interest in environmental law, health law or both. As members of the DEHLJ, all students have the opportunity to receive credits as staff or board members and to fulfill the upper-level writing requirement.

**Juris Magazine**

*Juris Magazine* publishes articles concerning substantive areas of the law as well as matters of local and national interest. Law students, faculty and alumni contribute articles to this semi-annual magazine. *Juris* is completely student-operated and calls upon the talents of law students who wish to strengthen their writing, editing and production skills. *Juris* is distributed to alumni throughout the country.
The Career Services Office (CSO) supports the overall mission of Duquesne University School of Law, serving both the institution and the legal profession by helping students supplement their formal education with practical experience in legally related positions, by assisting graduating students and alumni in securing employment in their chosen areas of practice, and by helping employers engage the services of individuals prepared to assume professional positions.

**PRACTICE READINESS**

The CSO provides job listings, information on employers, an extensive career resources center, letters of reciprocity, regular seminars and career counseling. Regular programs include interviewing skills and mock interview programs; networking events; and seminars on judicial clerkships, government careers, public interest careers, alternative careers, and solo and small-firm practice. The successful Alumni/Student Mentor Program is coordinated by the CSO. Through this program, students connect with law alumni in order to discuss their career interests, the current legal marketplace and the practice of law in particular geographic locations.

The CSO director holds a weekly Q&A session, CSO Express, to offer job search advice and answer questions from students in the Day, Part-Time and Evening Divisions.

**SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS**

Throughout the year, the CSO offers seminars and workshops designed to assist students and alumni at various stages of the career planning process. The CSO often joins with law student organizations, employers and law-related entities to offer programs addressing a particular topic or practice area.

**ON-CAMPUS/OFF-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS**

Each fall and spring, the CSO invites employers to conduct interviews at the Law School. Prior to the interviews, the CSO provides profiles of employers to students and solicits student application materials, which are provided to prospective employers. These interviews enable employers to meet with a large number of candidates in a short period of time. On-campus interviews are typically used for screening purposes and are followed by more lengthy on-site interviews for selected candidates.

The CSO also collects resumes for employers nationwide who are unable to come to campus, but who wish to review our students’ credentials.

**EMPLOYMENT**

Each year, new graduates of the Law School obtain positions at large, mid-size and small law firms; businesses; government offices and agencies; judicial chambers; public interest organizations; academia; and with the military. Some apply their law degree to other sectors such as business, real estate, media, public service, education and nonprofit.

Many graduates remain in the mid-Atlantic region, and Duquesne Law alumni can be found all over the United States and abroad. Recent graduates obtained positions in Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington, D.C., West Virginia and Wisconsin. We invite you to visit [www.duq.edu/law/career-services](http://www.duq.edu/law/career-services) for the most up-to-date employment statistics of the recent graduating class.
The Duquesne University School of Law is proud of our more than 7,000 graduates practicing in every field of law. Almost 30 percent of the practicing lawyers in western Pennsylvania are Duquesne graduates, and alumni can be found across the U.S. and in several countries. Duquesne-educated lawyers are partners and associates in every type of law firm, from large multinational offices to rural solo practices. They work as corporate counsel to Fortune 500 companies and small entrepreneurial ventures. They are directors of government agencies and public interest organizations, serve as district attorneys and public defenders, and teach at law schools throughout the United States.

An impressive number of Duquesne graduates are judges on the local, state and federal levels, including the highest courts, intermediate appellate courts and trial courts in more than 20 states. Duquesne has produced a significant number of judges seated on the Superior Court, Commonwealth Court and Courts of Common Pleas. Duquesne Law alumni have also served as judges on the United States Court of Appeals and the Federal District Courts.

The School of Law has always enjoyed the warm and generous support of its graduates. Through the Law Alumni Association, they serve as career mentors, support scholarship funds, and serve as moot court judges and adjunct faculty. Alumni include:

- **Honorable Donetta Ambrose, L’70**
  Senior Judge, United States District Court of Western Pennsylvania

- **Honorable Max Baer, L’75**
  Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

- **Alan N. Braverman, L’75**
  Vice President and General Counsel, The Walt Disney Company

- **Nicholas J. Deluliis, GB’94, L’02**
  President, CONSOL Energy, Inc.

- **Honorable Kate Ford Elliott, GE’73, L’78**
  President Judge Emeritus, Superior Court of Pennsylvania

- **Honorable Janice M. Holder, L’75**
  Justice, Supreme Court of Tennessee

- **Linda L. Kelly, L’75**
  Attorney General of Pennsylvania

- **Glenn R. Mahone, L’73**
  Partner, Reed Smith
  Chairman, Pittsburgh Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
  Chairman of the Board, Allegheny County Airport Authority

- **Marie Milie Jones, L’87**
  Founding Partner, JonesPassodelis, PLLC
  Chairman, Duquesne University Board of Directors

- **Arthur J. Rooney, II, L’82**
  President, Pittsburgh Steelers
  Of Counsel, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC

- **David K. Trautman, L’88**
  Founder and Principal, Trautman and Associates, LLC
  Col., Commander, 154th LOD, Trial Defense Service

- **Honorable Dwayne Woodruff, L’88**
  Judge, Family Division, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas

- **Travis Williams, L’96**
  Chief Operating Officer, Pittsburgh Penguins

- **Stephen A. Zappala, Jr., L’84**
  District Attorney, Allegheny County
Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH

Walk down the hill from the School of Law and cross the street, and you’re in Pittsburgh’s legal epicenter. Courthouses, city and county offices, and many law firms are clustered in the Forbes Avenue and Grant and Ross Streets area. Scores of other law offices and corporate headquarters are within a few blocks. This convenient, exciting environment includes many of the Law School’s clinical and externship programs, giving you ample opportunity to gain professional experience and exposure to the workings of the legal system.

Pittsburgh’s compact urban center, with all its amenities, sits at Duquesne’s doorstep. The city’s major-league sports venues are all located within about a mile of campus, including the Pirates’ PNC Park and the Steelers’ Heinz Field on the North Shore. Consol Energy Center—home of the NHL Penguins, concerts and shows—is just across the street from campus. A revitalized cultural district, with a world-class symphony orchestra, opera, ballet and theater, is a short walk, as are shopping, dining and nightlife Downtown, in the Strip District and nearby Station Square.

Pittsburgh’s eclectic neighborhoods and competitive cost of living make it an attractive place to study, live and work.

Forbes.com recognized Pittsburgh as the country’s “Most Livable City” because of its job market, affordability, safety, and thriving art and leisure scene, and National Geographic Traveler ranked Pittsburgh as one of the Top Destinations in the World 2012.
Admissions

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

With all the benefits a Duquesne Law School education has to offer, it's no surprise that admission to the school is a goal shared by many people, both throughout the Pittsburgh region and around the country. Last year, applications were received from residents of nearly 40 states and several countries. The applicants earned undergraduate degrees from nearly 300 different colleges and universities.

Yet because of its commitment to small class sizes and personalized attention, the Admissions Committee annually selects only those students who best exhibit the requisite abilities and background for academic and professional success.

Throughout the admissions process, particular emphasis is placed on the applicant's academic record and aptitude for the study of law as measured by the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

Applicants for the Part-Time Day and Evening Divisions often have significant work experience or postgraduate training in other fields. These types of accomplishments are considered and should be described in the student's application materials.

PREREQUISITES

Except for students in approved 3/3 programs, all candidates for admission must be graduates of an accredited college or university prior to registration at the Law School.

Applicants from a variety of academic backgrounds are offered admission each year. No specific undergraduate academic curriculum is required, but it is highly recommended that the course of study emphasizes skills in critical thinking and logical analysis, and that students have strong writing skills.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications for admission are accepted beginning September 1 for the following academic year. Before any applicant can be considered, all of the following items must be submitted to the Admissions Office:

1) Application Form: Complete and accurate information is essential. The application must be signed (electronic signature for online application) and dated.

2) Fee: A $60 non refundable processing fee is required and must accompany the application.

3) Law School Admission Test (LSAT): All applicants are required to take the LSAT. The Law School will not average a candidate's LSAT scores but consider the highest score. LSAT scores that are more than three years old will not be considered. Day Division applicants are encouraged to take the LSAT no later than December, while Evening Division and Part-Time Day Division applicants may take the February LSAT.

Application

The application is available via the LSAC Flex-App at www.lsac.org. The Law School encourages candidates to apply using the Flex-App.
“Duquesne University School of Law provided me with an education that has allowed me to thrive as a lawyer in both a large international law firm and now a professional sports organization. However, I received more than a legal education from the School of Law. I received a lesson in what it takes to succeed in all aspects of life: effort, discipline and ethics.”

Travis Williams, L’96
Chief Operating Officer, Pittsburgh Penguins
4) **Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) Credential Assembly Service (CAS):** All applicants are required to subscribe to the CAS. Official transcripts from each college or university attended must be sent directly to LSAC.

Registration materials for CAS are available at [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org).

5) **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation are required for each applicant. Applicants still in college or graduate school, or those out of school for less than two years, should request one letter from a professor and one letter from a responsible citizen who is not connected with the school. All other applicants should request one letter from a current or former business supervisor and one from a responsible citizen who is not connected with the applicant’s employment. Evaluation forms, which may be completed and submitted in place of letters if so desired, are provided in the application package.

6) **Character and Fitness Disclosures:** Graduates of Duquesne University School of Law are eligible to take bar examinations in all jurisdictions of the United States. In planning their courses of study, students are advised to consult with bar examiners in the state in which they wish to practice to determine whether specific curricular criteria or registration requirements exist for admission to the bar in that jurisdiction. Applicants/admitted applicants who intend to practice law should also be aware that admission to the bar in all states involves character, fitness and other qualifications. *Applicants are encouraged to determine what those requirements are in the state(s) in which they intend to practice by consulting the website of the National Conference of Bar Examiners at [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org).*
7) Supplemental Information: A one-page statement outlining the applicant’s reasons for selecting the Duquesne University School of Law must be attached. Aside from this statement, applicants are not required to submit a personal statement but may do so if there is significant information relevant to the Admissions Committee's review of academic performance or other criteria that is not indicated by the required documentation.

8) Deadlines: Applications for all three divisions are accepted after September 1 for the following academic year. Day Division applications must be postmarked no later than April 1. Evening Division applications must be postmarked no later than May 1. Part-Time Day Division applications are accepted through June 1.

Complete and accurate information is essential. Failure to furnish all supporting credentials or the furnishing of incorrect information may invalidate admission and registration. Applicants should retain copies of all items submitted as part of the admission application. These materials become the property of Duquesne University and will be neither reproduced nor returned to the applicant.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the file for Admissions Committee consideration is complete and that all required documents have been received by the Admissions Office.

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION
The Admissions Committee reviews applications as they become complete and typically begins to notify Day Division applicants of acceptance in November. Evening and Part-Time Day Division applicants are typically notified beginning in late February. After the above dates, applications are reviewed on a rolling basis as they become complete. The application review process may take several months, depending on an applicant's qualifications. The Committee may request supplemental information before making a final decision. Once a decision is made, the applicant is notified in writing.

Applicants who are denied admission in one division are not eligible to be considered for the other divisions.

ACCEPTED STUDENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Accepted students have a continuing obligation to notify the Law School immediately if any of the following events occur: (1) you are apprehended, cited, arrested, taken into custody for, charged with, indicted or tried for, or plead guilty or no contest (nolo contendere) to, the commission of any crime, except for summary traffic violations unrelated to the use of intoxicants; (2) you are found guilty of an honor code violation at any institution of higher learning; (3) you are subject to disciplinary action by any educational institution, governmental or administrative agency (including any branch of the Armed Forces); or (4) you are notified of any misconduct or irregularity by the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC). The Law School reserves the right to revoke one’s acceptance based on the nature of the event.

ENROLLMENT DEPOSITS
Accepted applicants are required to pay a nonrefundable initial enrollment deposit within the time designated in the written notice. The deposit will be credited toward the first term tuition if the student registers at the time designated for entering students; otherwise, the deposit is forfeited.

Failure to pay the deposit in full by the designated date may result in a forfeiture of a student’s place in the class and any financial awards.

TRANSFER STUDENTS
Students may apply for transfer admission to the Law School.

Transfer applicants must present satisfactory evidence of having been in regular attendance at an ABA-approved law school, and must be in good standing and unconditionally eligible to return to studies at that school. Credits earned at another law school will be accepted as set forth in the Transfer Credit Policy, which can be found at www.duq.edu/law/admissions.
Before a transfer application will be considered, the applicant must have completed the equivalent course requirements of a first-year Day Division student at the Duquesne University School of Law. Transfer applicants must meet all requirements for a first-year student and must submit the standard application and $60 fee along with the following:

1) A Credential Assembly Report from the LSAC (a copy from the current law school is acceptable).

2) An official transcript of all completed law school work.

3) A letter from the law school attended certifying that the applicant is in good standing and is eligible to return there. The letter should not be written until the student successfully completes all of the academic work in which he or she is currently enrolled.

Transfer applicants should apply by June 1. Decisions on transfer students are made in mid-July.

REAPPLICATION

Application files are retained for one year. A new application form and fee are required to reactivate the file.

VISITOR/NON-MATRICULATING

A student currently enrolled at another law school may apply as a visiting/non-matriculating student. The application for admission and a letter from the current law school giving approval for visiting status must be submitted to the Admissions Office. The applicant should also indicate specific reasons for wishing to attend Duquesne’s Law School.

FOREIGN-DEGREE APPLICANTS

Applicants who have completed the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree at an institution outside of the United States are eligible to be considered for admission to the J.D. program. Foreign-degree applicants must complete all requirements for domestic applicants with the exception of registering for the Law School Data Assembly Service. Instead, foreign-degree applicants are required to submit to the Law School Admissions Office an analysis of their academic credentials from a foreign transcript evaluation service. Two such services are:

- Law School Admission Council
  662 Penn Street
  Box 8502
  Newtown, PA 18940
  www.lsac.org

- World Education Services
  Phone 212.966.6311
  Fax 212.739.6100
  www.wes.org

Foreign-degree candidates whose primary language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The TOEFL should be taken by March 1 of the year in which the student plans to enroll. The deadline to submit the application is the same as that for new domestic applicants (i.e., April 1 for the Day Division and May 1 for the Evening Division), but it is suggested that foreign-degree candidates apply as early as possible to allow sufficient time for credentials evaluation. The Admissions Committee will generally consider a TOEFL score of 600 paper-based or 100 Internet-based to be minimally acceptable.

LLM FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS PROGRAM

Duquesne’s LLM program offers the degree to candidates who have already completed legal studies in their respective home country outside the United States. The program consists of a Day Division and an Evening Division. The Day Division program is completed in one year, and the Evening Division program is completed in two years. Students may only begin the LLM in the fall semester.

Admission requirements include the following:

- Admission is limited to those candidates who have already fulfilled the educational requirements for admission to the practice of law in a foreign country, including a law degree from an institution recognized by the competent accrediting agency of the government of the foreign country.

- English language ability must meet or exceed a 95 TOEFL examination score, and candidates must successfully complete a telephone interview in order to establish the necessary fluency in English.

- The application deadline is April 30 of the year in which a candidate wishes to enter the program.

For more information, including access to an online application, visit www.duq.edu/law/academics/llm.
Duquesne’s School of Law consistently strives to provide the highest caliber of private legal education to students with the academic and personal qualifications the profession demands.

Tuition

A competitive tuition rate, generous scholarships and financial aid make Duquesne University Law School affordable. Please visit www.duq.edu/law/admissions for current tuition and fees.

LAW SCHOOL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Law School has dedicated a considerable amount of scholarship support for highly credentialed first-year students. All accepted students are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships awarded by the School of Law. These tuition awards are made each year to the most qualified applicants based on their records of achievement, aptitude for the study of law and general background. A small number of dean’s scholarships are also awarded. Scholarships are renewed annually, provided the student remains in good academic standing. It is recommended that interested students submit their admission applications by early January.

A number of Law School work-study grants-in-aid for salary or partial tuition credit are available. Recipients of such grants-in-aid are required to adequately perform certain duties as Law School library aides, Law School faculty research assistants or Law School administration aides for five to 10 hours per week during the entire academic year. In return, students will be paid or will receive a designated amount of tuition assistance that is directly applied to their accounts.

Accepted students may request a grant-in-aid application from the Law School Admissions Office. Final decisions on grant-in-aid awards are usually made in August of each year.
FEDERALLY FUNDED AND INSTITUTIONAL AID

Financial assistance that is designated as federally funded or institutional aid is processed centrally through Duquesne University's Financial Aid Office. This includes Federal Stafford Unsubsidized Loans and Federal Graduate PLUS Loans. The Law School itself does not process this aid.

INSTITUTIONAL AID APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in the University or be in the process of applying for admission. Incoming students should not wait for official acceptance to the University before applying for financial assistance.

- Applicants must complete the Duquesne University Application for Financial Aid. Forms are available from the University's Financial Aid Office or via its website: www.duq.edu/financialaid. Submit the application no later than May 31.

- Applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This should be done online at www.fafsa.edu.gov. Be sure to list Duquesne University as your school choice with the school code 003258. The FAFSA should be submitted as early as possible for maximum aid consideration.

- New students must submit a copy of their letters of admission to the Law School before their Financial Aid applications will be processed.

For further information and forms, contact:
Duquesne University
Office of Financial Aid
Ground Floor
Administration Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15282
Phone: 412.396.6607
email: faoffice@duq.edu
www.duq.edu/financialaid

ADDITIONAL LOANS TO ASSIST STUDENTS

There are additional private alternate loans available to students up to the cost of education. These loans should be used as a last resort after all federal funding has been utilized. Information is available through the Financial Aid website in the Loans section and under Alternate Loan Funding.
Scholarships

The following scholarships are awarded each academic year solely on the basis of exceptional academic achievement.

SECOND- AND THIRD-YEAR DAY DIVISION

1. **Dean's Scholarship for Excellence**
   Full-tuition scholarships funded by the Law School are awarded to the students who achieve the highest cumulative GPA at the conclusion of their first or second consecutive year as full-time Day Division students.

2. **Law Faculty Scholarship for Excellence**
   Full-tuition scholarships funded by the Law School are awarded to the students who achieve the second-highest cumulative GPA at the conclusion of their first or second consecutive year as full-time Day Division students.

3. **Law School Scholarship for Excellence**
   Full-tuition scholarships funded by the Law School are awarded to the students who achieve the third-highest cumulative GPA at the conclusion of their first or second consecutive year as full-time Day Division students.

SECOND-, THIRD- AND FOURTH-YEAR EVENING DIVISION

1. **Dean's Scholarship for Excellence**
   Seventy-five percent tuition scholarships funded by the Law School are awarded to the students who achieve the highest cumulative GPA at the conclusion of their first, second or third consecutive year as Evening Division students.

2. **Law Faculty Scholarship for Excellence**
   Seventy-five percent tuition scholarships funded by the Law School are awarded to the students who achieve the second-highest cumulative GPA at the conclusion of their first, second or third consecutive year as Evening Division students.

3. **Law School Scholarship for Excellence**
   Seventy-five percent tuition scholarships funded by the Law School are awarded to the students who achieve the third-highest cumulative GPA at the conclusion of their first, second or third consecutive year as Evening Division students.

In addition, each year the Law School distributes a number of endowed scholarships from a wide array of academic scholarships and endowed scholarship funds. See [www.duq.edu/law/scholarships](http://www.duq.edu/law/scholarships) for a complete listing of funds.

Each year, a student is selected to receive the Charles Hamilton Houston Scholar award. This minority scholar program was established by the School of Law in honor of civil rights legend Charles Hamilton Houston, the law professor and mentor of the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American to sit on the nation’s highest court. Simone Delerme, shown here with her grandfather, Dr. Augusto Delerme, L’89, is the first recipient of the Charles Hamilton Houston Scholar award.
Group tours of the Law School are generally held on a weekly basis during the academic year. Individual information sessions are also scheduled during daytime and early evening hours during the academic year. These sessions provide applicants with an opportunity to confer individually with a member of the Admissions staff about specific concerns and questions. Visits to first-year Day or Evening Division classes can also be arranged. To schedule a group tour, individual information session or a class visit, call 412.396.6296 or email lawadmissions@duq.edu.

You may also visit www.duq.edu/campusmap for directions and a map of campus.