



# THOMAS R. KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



# EMPOWERED TO LEAD. PREPARED FOR WHAT'S NEXT.

Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University is centered in the heart of Pittsburgh, the second largest city in Pennsylvania. Small size classes shape our campus, which is a short three block walk to downtown and the many prospects it holds—including externships, clerkships, and job opportunities.

Because of our Spiritan tradition, our law students learn equity and opportunity begin at home and receive a law education based on ethical training and justice.

They also are prepared for anything, being involved in our legal research and writing program—a national leader—and gain valuable clinical experience. Our seven law clinics include live client experiences and court appearances. Whatever your goals are, they are attainable from here.



**In fall 2022, law alumnus  
Thomas R. Kline,  
one of the nation's most  
influential and highly  
regarded trial lawyers,  
committed \$50 million  
to Duquesne's 111-year-old  
law school.**

This is the largest gift in university history and one of the largest gifts ever given to a law school in the U.S. This transformational gift is providing student scholarships, faculty grants for excellence in teaching and scholarship, and the law school's noted Bar Preparation program, new clinical offerings that benefit the community and other strategic priorities.

# Welcome

## FROM THE DEAN

Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University is on an upward trajectory by every measure, as we continue to pursue our mission: to educate lawyers in the ethical practice of law; to preserve the highest ideals of our profession; and to promote justice and democratic discourse through leadership, service, and civic engagement. Since its founding in 1911, Duquesne Kline School of Law has provided a legal education rooted in ethics, justice, and the pursuit of truth.

We are the only Spiritan Catholic Law School in the nation, and we have welcomed all faiths and backgrounds from our inception. Our culture is rooted in creating a sense of belonging, so that you are able to flourish, not just academically, but fully in mind, body, and spirit. We believe that education is a path to empowerment, and we believe in cultivating lawyers with a leadership mindset who will impact our society in profound ways. As faculty, our intention is to walk alongside you as you learn and grow.

We are located in the center of a beautiful 50-acre University campus, adjacent to athletic fields and the student union. We are surrounded by nine other Duquesne University schools and colleges, including our new College of Osteopathic Medicine.

We are situated in Pittsburgh, steps away from law firms, courthouses, businesses, and government offices, providing our students with a wide variety of externship, clerkship, clinical, and employment opportunities. Additionally, Pittsburgh is known for its livability, affordability, three rivers, and many beautiful bridges—446 to be exact! Our city boasts a beautiful waterfront, a cultural district, an array of museums, an impressive culinary scene, and professional sports teams.

By coming to Duquesne Kline School of Law, you will be empowered to lead, committed to serve, and prepared for practice so that you can impact our society in meaningful ways. I hope you are inspired to join us in our service to a higher good and our mission to advance justice in our society.



Sincerely,  
April M. Barton  
Dean and Professor of Law



Dean April M. Barton

A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a grey suit and a patterned bow tie, is standing in a lecture hall and speaking. He is gesturing with his right hand. In the background, several students are seated at desks, some looking towards the speaker. The room has wooden paneling and a red wall.

## Princeton Review rates\*

Duquesne Kline School of Law among Best Law Schools

**RANKED #94** out of 196, a top 100 *U.S. News & World Report* Law School

**RANKED #10** for Professor Accessibility\*

**RANKED #44** for Career\*

\*Based on an analysis of the 2024 *Princeton Review* Best Law School ratings.  
Ranking is out of 168 law schools.

## Scholarship and Service

### FACULTY

Teaching, research, scholarship, and service are at the heart of what our faculty do. Our faculty also care—about their community and their students.

*“Salus populi suprema lex” – “The welfare of the people is the highest law.”*

## Small Classes, Individual Attention

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

#### Legal Research and Writing

As a first-year student, you will gain fundamental hands-on training through our nationally recognized Legal Research and Writing Program. In class sections smaller than at most other law schools, you will learn essential techniques for legal analysis, research, objective writing, persuasive writing, and oral advocacy techniques.

[duq.edu/LawLegalWriting](https://duq.edu/LawLegalWriting)



#### Comprehensive Bar Studies

In 2024 *preLaw Magazine* named our Bar Passage program 6th in the nation. We received this recognition because we offer you comprehensive instruction, monitoring, and support—even after you graduate—to give you the tools you need to confidently take the Bar exam. Our Director of Bar Studies is a dedicated, experienced mentor throughout the process. Bar-tested topics, tools to hone your legal reasoning skills, and rigorous training on effective test-taking strategies are all part of our advanced instruction.

[duq.edu/LawBarPrep](https://duq.edu/LawBarPrep)

#### All R.I.S.E.

Incoming 1Ls will have free access to All R.I.S.E., a summer program developed by full-time faculty to help students with the transition to law school. The asynchronous online sessions covering topics ranging from critical reading skills to rule based reasoning are supplemented with weekly online meetings with faculty.

#### Academic Excellence Program

Beginning with the All R.I.S.E. program in the summer prior to the first year, our Academic Excellence Program is available to help you during all your years of law school. Workshops, peer tutors, and additional materials will guide you on areas such as rule synthesis, legal application, and time management.

[duq.edu/LawAcademics](https://duq.edu/LawAcademics)

# Theory into Practice

## CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION

Clinical education is one of Duquesne Kline School of Law's instructional cornerstones. The Tribone Center, which houses our clinical programs, practicums, externships, fellowships, and pro bono programs is just a short walk from the state and federal courts, public agencies and law firms located in downtown Pittsburgh.

[duq.edu/LawClinics](http://duq.edu/LawClinics)

### Clinics and Practicum:

- Family Law Clinic
- Federal Litigation Clinic
- Re-Entry Legal Services Clinic
- Urban Development Practicum
- Veterans Clinic
- Wills and Healthcare Decisions Clinic
- Youth Advocacy Clinic

### Externship Programs:

- Pennsylvania Innocence Project
- Criminal Prosecution Program
- Public Defender Program
- Elder Law Justice Program

### Pro Bono Programs

The pro bono programs feature an attorney/student matching program and direct work with public interest organizations.

### Fellowships

The McGinley Public Service Fellowship and the Public Interest Law Association Fellowships (PILA) provide support for students and graduates who work in public service.

# 1st

Duquesne Kline School of Law  
launched the first veterans clinic  
in the country.

# 35,000+

hours of service in one year  
through clinics, externships, and  
pro bono programs.

# Launch Your Legal Career

## CAREER SERVICES

In our Career Services Office, current students will find career counseling and new opportunities to gain practical experience, while graduating students receive assistance in securing employment.

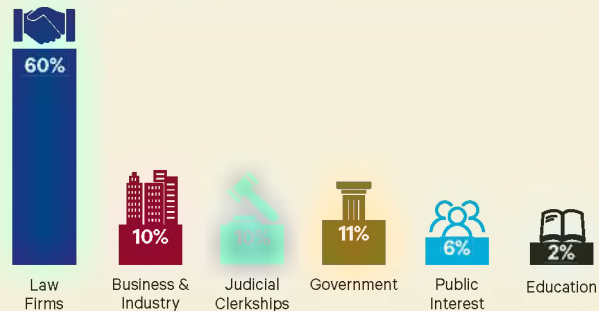
- Alumni Mentors
- Resume Reviews
- Mock Interviews
- On-campus Recruiting
- Employment Portal
- Lawyers on Location
- Judicial Clerkship Presentations
- Practice-area Events
- Solo and Small Firm Seminars
- Nontraditional Legal Career Workshops
- Job Search Workshops
- Networking Events

[duq.edu/LawCareerServices](http://duq.edu/LawCareerServices)



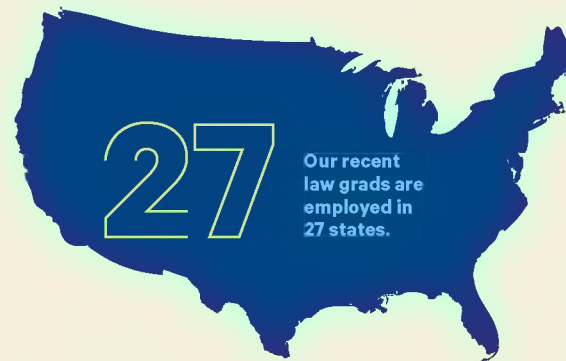
## Employment Type

(2023 graduates)



## Employment Locations

(Recent Graduates)



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| Alabama     | Kansas        | Ohio             |
| Arizona     | Maryland      | Oklahoma         |
| California  | Minnesota     | Oregon           |
| Colorado    | Missouri      | Pennsylvania     |
| Connecticut | Nevada        | South Carolina   |
| Delaware    | New Hampshire | Tennessee        |
| Florida     | New Jersey    | Virginia         |
| Georgia     | New Mexico    | Washington, D.C. |
| Illinois    | New York      | West Virginia    |

# Theory into Practice

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

### Our student-run organizations include:

- 1st Generation Society
- American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
- Black Law Students Association
- Corporate Law Society
- Intellectual Property Law Association
- Environmental Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Health Law Society
- Lambda Law Society
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society

[duq.edu/LawStudentOrgs](http://duq.edu/LawStudentOrgs)



### Summer Study of Law and Externships Abroad

A three-week, ABA-approved summer study abroad experience is available in Europe or Ireland each summer. In addition to coursework, a number of professional and cultural excursions are included in the Study Abroad program. Students may also participate in optional internships in a number of countries.



## STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

### We have four student publications including,

- *Law Review*
- *Business Law Journal*
- *Joule: Energy & Environmental Law Journal*
- *Juris*





## Get to Know Pittsburgh's

Diverse Neighborhoods

Walkable Cultural District

Miles of Bike Trails

River Sports

Regional Parks

Must-see Museums

Foodie Destinations

## City of Bridges and Neighborhoods

### PITTSBURGH

Our city receives outstanding rankings for livability, welcoming atmosphere, and professional opportunities. Duquesne's bucolic 50-acre campus is centered on the "Bluff", in the heart of Pittsburgh. Our campus offers breathtaking views of the downtown skyline and the three rivers.

#### Neighborhoods

**Bloomberg** recently named Pittsburgh the most affordable city for housing. The 90 neighborhoods that comprise Pittsburgh offer many opportunities to explore the cultural district, sports venues, museums, music venues, and food scene that make this city a vibrant place to live.



**#2 Best U.S. Cities  
for College  
Students and  
Graduates**  
*Forbes 2024*



**11 Best U.S.  
Cities for Young  
Professionals**  
*Spacewise, 2022*



# Academic Offerings

## PROGRAMS

### Juris Doctor Degree

**Full-Time Day**

**Part-Time Day**

**Part-Time Evening**

**LL.M. for Foreign Lawyers**

### Joint Degrees

- **Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration**  
Duquesne Kline School of Law/John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business
- **Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Environmental Science and Management**  
Duquesne Kline School of Law/Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences
- **Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Healthcare Ethics**  
Duquesne Kline School of Law/McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts
- **Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Philosophy**  
Duquesne Kline School of Law/McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts
- **Juris Doctor/Master of Divinity**  
Duquesne Kline School of Law/Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

### Business Essentials for Lawyers Micro-Credential

Students interested in expanding their business perspective and knowledge may take courses with the Duquesne University Palumbo-Donahue Graduate School of Business to complete the Business Essentials for Lawyers Micro-Credential.

### Early Decision Program

Candidates who are certain that Duquesne Kline School of Law is their first choice can apply to our binding Early Decision Program.

### 3/3 Early Admissions Program

Qualified juniors from eligible undergraduate institutions may apply to our accelerated 3/3 program that allows them to earn a bachelor's degree (B.S. or B.A.) and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) in six years.

Additional requirements vary among the partner schools. For more information, visit [duq.edu/LawAdmissions](https://duq.edu/LawAdmissions).

### Concentrations

- Civil Litigation
- Criminal Law
- Law and Computing



# Getting Started

## APPLICATION

Candidates should apply online at [lsac.org](https://lsac.org).

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis after September 1st for full-time and part-time programs. It is in your best interest to apply early. A holistic review of the application will be completed with consideration given to academic background, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, leadership, and work experience. We seek to create a community of students who will excel academically, participate in the law school community, and adhere to the mission of the law school. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are guiding principles that help us to create a welcoming environment where students can thrive.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### Merit Scholarship Awards

Applications received by the Priority deadline will automatically be considered for Merit scholarship awards; a separate application is not required. A small number of full tuition Dean's Scholarships are awarded each year.

There are several additional private scholarships that students may apply for after admission. These scholarships and the application information can be found at [duq.edu/LawAdmissions](https://duq.edu/LawAdmissions).



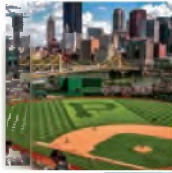
# 8,500+

Duquesne Kline School of Law's alumni network includes more than 8,500 professionals.

## NORTH SIDE

### HOME RUNS, TOUCHDOWNS AND WORLD-FAMOUS MUSICAL ACTS

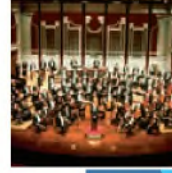
Professional and college football and major league baseball games happen in state-of-the-art stadiums on the Northside. When the home teams aren't playing, these venues feature world-famous musicians.



## CULTURAL DISTRICT

### WORLD-CLASS THEATER AND DELICIOUS DINING

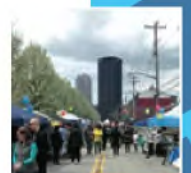
The 14-square-block Cultural District encompasses more than 90 retail shops, approximately 50 dining establishments, seven world-class theaters, eight public parks and art installations and a dozen art galleries.



## THE HILL DISTRICT

### PITTSBURGH'S JAZZ AND PLAYWRIGHT SCENE

Nationally known jazz artists like Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington made the Hill District a regular stop on national tours. Students can also visit the birthplace of famed playwright August Wilson and celebrate his legacy at the annual block party with food, games, and outdoor performances.



## THE POINT

### THREE RIVERS AND A GIANT FOUNTAIN

Point State Park or "the Point" is where Pittsburgh's three rivers meet, and is home to a giant fountain, biking and walking trails, the Three Rivers Arts Festival and the Fort Pitt Museum.



## MARKET SQUARE

### CAFES, ICE SKATING AND YOGA

Greek, Mexican, Italian and American cafés and restaurants are located in pedestrian-friendly Market Square, and depending on the season, students can also enjoy a Christmas village and ice skating or a farmers' market and Yoga in the Square.



## PPG PAINTS ARENA

### PROFESSIONAL ICE HOCKEY AND MAJOR CONCERTS

Located across the street from campus, the PPG Paints Arena is home to the Pittsburgh Penguins (who have discounted student tickets!) and features performers of all genres, including Billie Eilish, Nicki Minaj, Bruce Springsteen, Justin Bieber, Simone Biles, and Zach Bryan..



## SOUTH SIDE

### A NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT WITH LIVELY ENTERTAINMENT

The South Side boasts 15 blocks of Victorian architecture, as well as boutiques, restaurants, galleries, theaters, and live music venues all in a neighborhood that's just a staircase and a quick trip over the 10th Street Bridge.



## CAREER CONNECTIONS

### COURTHOUSES, LAW FIRMS, CORPORATE OFFICES, NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, TECHNOLOGY HEADQUARTERS

Law students have easy access to various internships and job interviews that are within walking distance of their dorms and apartments.



## THOMAS R. KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW OF DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY



You are encouraged to visit the Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University year-round. Student-guided tours and class visits are available from September to April when classes are in session.

To register for an online or on-campus Information Session, schedule a tour, observe a class, or check out our recruitment calendar for events in your area, visit [duq.edu/LawAdmissions](http://duq.edu/LawAdmissions).