Congratulations on your acceptance!

96.72% Ultimate Bar Pass Rate
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Pennsylvania Bar Exam
July 2019
Admitted Students Website
The Admitted Students Website has everything you need to start your Duquesne Law experience. The website is updated frequently and by summer will include Orientation details. Please check it often.

Don’t miss Admitted Students Day
Saturday, March 21, 2020
RSVP via the Admitted Students Website
Register your attendance today.

Can’t attend Admit Day?
Sign up for an individual visit on the Experience Duquesne Law webpage. We offer student-guided tours and the opportunity to attend a class (when classes are in session).

Reserve your seat in the class now!
Two, non-refundable, $500 deposits are required to hold your seat in the entering class. If you matriculate at Duquesne Law this fall, your deposits will be credited to your student account for tuition and/or fees.

Seat deposits are due by the dates indicated on your letter of admission. Failure to reserve your seat in the class may result in losing your seat in the entering class as well as forfeiture of financial awards. Please note that Duquesne Law does not extend deposit deadlines or offer deferrals.

Meet Dominique Wiggins
What advice would you give to incoming law students? Know that you are fully capable of conquering law school. You have prepared for this moment and have been admitted for a reason. It will get difficult and you may question whether or not you belong here but remember that you do belong here, and you are not alone. Also, don’t be afraid to ask for help.

Undergraduate institution: Rider University
Why did you choose Duquesne Law? I chose Duquesne Law because of the faculty and staff. Going in, I knew that law school would be difficult, in that I had no idea what to expect. However, every faculty member I met during my application process and beyond were not only helpful but eager to help in ways that I hadn’t seen elsewhere. I also love the small school feel of the law school. The community here is very supportive and being a first-generation law student, I knew I would need as much support as possible.

Which clinical program have you completed? During my 2nd year of law school I was a student member of the Civil Rights Clinic. There we worked on educating and preparing pardons, expungements, and sealing of criminal records for members of the community.

What are some of your interests outside of law school? I am a huge advocate for finding ways to service the community I am in. I currently serve as a mentor for Amachi, an organization that aims to provide children impacted by incarceration with a different path by establishing the consistent presence of loving and caring mentors.
Scholarship and Financial Aid

duq.edu/graduate-financing

Meet Ariel Dickinson

Why did you choose Duquesne Law?
Duquesne Law offers 13 concentrations including Government and Public Interest and Criminal Litigation. It was important to me that I could take classes and focus on the practice-areas that interested me. The alumni care about the reputation of the law school and they care about young attorneys entering the profession. They are always available as a resource to help students and young attorneys succeed.

Scholarship and Financial Aid

Priority Financial Aid Deadline:
May 31, 2020
Duquesne FAFSA Code: 003258

Scholarships
You do not need to apply for scholarship aid. All admitted students are considered for merit scholarships; students receiving an award will be notified by email within two weeks after admission.
Scholarships are disbursed half in the first semester and half in the second semester. Students changing division (full-time/part-time) will have their scholarship amounts adjusted accordingly.
Incoming student merit scholarships are retained each year by maintaining Academic Good Standing. The GPA required to be in Academic Good Standing is a 2.0. After your first year, you can apply for a variety of need-based endowed funds. Academic Achievement Scholarships are also awarded to top students. The School of Law does not award conditional scholarships.

Loans
The University’s Office of Financial Aid processes student loans.

What You Need To Do:
1) File FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov using the Duquesne University school code 003258. You can file FAFSA at any time, even before you do your taxes. You can also use the IRS data retrieval tool to easily import tax information.
2) Beginning in March the Office of Financial Aid will mail your award letter to your permanent address on file. The priority deadline for Duquesne University to process loan information is May 31.
3) Beginning July 1 or after you have received your award letters, you can sign your Master Promissory Note for your unsubsidized Stafford loans as well as apply for Grad PLUS or private loans.

Undergraduate institution: University of New Mexico, B.M. Music Performance

What advice would you give to incoming law students?
While studying is important, it is equally important to take care of yourself and schedule time for fun and relaxation.

Which law student organizations or publications are you involved with?
Public Interest Law Association (PILA), Education Initiative for Individual Diversity (EIID), American Constitution Society (ACS), and the Trial Advocacy Program.

What are your practice-area interests?
I am interested in being a litigator because I want to be in a courtroom. I am interested in criminal defense and civil rights litigation.

What are some of your interests outside of law school?
I play trumpet for Community Band South and I play in 12-14 concerts a year with Community Band South. I also love to ski and I am a huge movie buff.
Undergraduate Law School:

University of Pittsburgh

Why did you choose Duquesne Law?

Duquesne Law is a hidden gem for aspiring lawyers. Duquesne provides nationally ranked programs and clinics, coupled with small class sizes and plenty of opportunities for students to thrive. They have also gone above and beyond in working with me through some unique issues presented by my military service during law school.

What are your practice-area interests?

I think with the law, you never know what you are going to do until you get a job. However, I am hoping to work in Oil & Gas, Real Estate, Estate Planning & Administration, or Corporate Law.

Which clinical program have you completed?

I am currently involved in the Veterans’ Clinic, which represents justice-involved veterans in the Allegheny County Veterans’ Court. Veterans’ Court is a problem-solving court that helps veterans get access to the benefits and treatment that they have earned through their service. Clinical work is one of the most rewarding opportunities a law student has, and I would encourage everyone to participate.

Loan Deferment

Undergraduate loan deferment or forbearance forms should be given to the Registrar on the first day of classes. The Registrar will complete these forms when official classes have begun and you are a matriculated student.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) provides post-graduation assistance with educational loan repayment for graduates working in qualifying positions in the nonprofit or public service sector.

At Duquesne Law, the William B. Billock Loan Repayment Program seeks to ease the debt burden incurred by graduates employed at qualifying public interest law entities. Individuals who work as public interest law or government attorneys or staff for tax-exempt organizations, and who earn less than $50,000 per year, are eligible to apply for consideration.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

The U.S. Department of Education's post-graduation Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program currently forgives the remaining balance on Direct Loans after borrowers have made 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while working full-time for a qualifying employer.

Law students can learn more about LRAP and PSLF at the loan repayment informational program held each year at Duquesne Law.

Veterans Benefits

Duquesne is a Yellow Ribbon School!

For additional information pertaining to veterans benefits, please visit the Veterans Affairs GI Bill website at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.

Learn more by contacting Duquesne University’s Military Programs Director Don Accamando at accamandod@duq.edu or 412.396.5366.

REMINDER

Male U.S. citizens must have registered for Selective Service in order to be considered for federal aid and loans. To confirm you have registered, please visit www.sss.gov/Home/Verification.

Duquesne University Office of Financial Aid

Administration Building
600 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15282
faoffice@duq.edu
412.396.6607
Living and Studying in Pittsburgh

On-Campus Housing

Duquesne University has on-campus housing for law students in Vickroy Hall.

Vickroy Hall – Suite-Style Accommodations

- Furnished single- or double-room suites
- Utilities, cable, Internet, and laundry included
- Large, new common kitchen area
- Quiet study spaces, lounge areas
- Small fitness facility
- 24-hour security
- Meal plans available

For more information or questions regarding Vickroy Hall, contact the Office of Residence Life at orl@duq.edu or 412.396.6655

Brottier Hall - Apartments

Brottier apartments include a spectacular view of the Duquesne campus or the Pittsburgh skyline. Studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom apartments are available and are furnished. Depending on the style of the apartment, residents can have 1 to 3 roommates or have a private studio. Two bedroom apartments are only available for 4 residents.

- All apartments have a kitchen including refrigerator, electric stove, and microwave
- All utilities, cable, internet and laundry are included.
- Two-bedroom apartments have own dishwasher and a second bathroom.
- Study lounge with private study rooms
- Large communal kitchenette and TV lounge
- Outdoor patio and terrace
- Fitness facility right in the building
- Meal plans (available to interested students)
- 24 hour security and visitor registration

Housing agreements begin in August and run for 9 months. For more information or questions regarding Brottier Hall, contact Brottier@cocm.com or 412.396.1600

Off-Campus Housing

Pittsburgh offers numerous, affordable off-campus housing options in vibrant neighborhoods near campus, including South Side, Oakland, Lawrenceville, Shadyside, Squirrel Hill, the Mexican War Streets, Downtown, Uptown, and Mount Washington, to name a few.

Be sure to budget for August and September rent payments. Student loan disbursements are not available until mid-September.

Looking for a roommate? Meet your future classmates in the Facebook group Duquesne Law Incoming Class Fall 2020.

At Home in Pittsburgh

Duquesne Law is located steps from Pittsburgh’s legal epicenter, so gaining experience in the area’s firms, courts, businesses, and agencies is convenient. And Pittsburgh’s eclectic neighborhoods and affordable cost of living make it an attractive place to study, work, and live.

As a student here you can discover the region’s many cultural and recreational offerings such as numerous bike trails, including the Great Allegheny Passage linking Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C.; breathtaking parks, including Ohiopyle; world-class museums; and the Pittsburgh Cultural District, with theaters, galleries, and performance spaces all within walking distance.

Plus the city’s major-league sports venues are all located within about a mile, including PNC Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates; Heinz Field, home of the Pittsburgh Steelers; and PPG Paints Arena, home of the Pittsburgh Penguins and major concerts, located across the street from campus.

Pittsburgh is one of the top 25 best cities for millennials according to Niche.com and Forbes.com.
Campus Amenities

- Extensive recreation and fitness facilities in the Power Center
- Swimming pool in Towers
- Two Starbucks
- Multiple dining options in the Duquesne Union, including a Chick-fil-A and Cinco Cantina made-to-order Mexican eatery
- Barnes & Noble Bookstore and Café
- Subway, The Red Ring Restaurant, Freshens yogurt shop, and many other eateries within blocks
- Multiple bike lock stations on campus and a Healthy Ride bike-share location adjacent to campus

At the School of Law, in addition to classrooms, the library, faculty and administrative offices, and two moot courtrooms, you will find:
- Coffee and snack shop, run by The Coffee Tree Roasters of Pittsburgh
- Student lounge
- Student lockers, microwaves, and refrigerators
- Multiple offices for student organizations
- Zipcar location outside the building

Parking & Transportation

- Duquesne University offers parking services and permit options. However, no one is required to purchase parking at the University; there are numerous parking lots and garages in the campus vicinity.

Students can also park in the Forbes Avenue Garage and pay hourly rates. Evening permits are available at lower rates for use in the Locust Garage Monday through Friday 2:30 p.m.-midnight and all day Saturday and Sunday.

In addition, the University offers event rate cards free of charge, allowing students to pay regular rates for parking on days that special event rates apply, such as campus basketball games or PPG Paints Arena events.

South Side Shuttle Service

- Duquesne University offers shuttle service between campus and South Side. The shuttle bus offers convenient and inexpensive transportation. The shuttle arrives at Duquesne University approximately every 15-20 minutes.

You can track the shuttle live via Double Map or download the free app.

Service is available Monday through Friday 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Shuttle permits must be purchased online each semester.

Public Transportation

- To learn about bus and light rail system (T) transportation, visit the Port Authority of Allegheny County’s website. Students can purchase an affordable ConnectCard and load money onto it to get around the city and region by bus.
Meet Corey Stanford

**What advice would you give to incoming law students?** My best advice would be to take things one day at a time. Law school can obviously be overwhelming, especially during your first year. Find a schedule that works for you and stick to it. Also, schedule time to do non-law school things. See friends and family, hang out with non-law school people, exercise, etc. Scheduling time to do all these non-law school things will help you be in the right headspace to succeed every day.

**Undergraduate and graduate institutions:** The College of New Jersey ’18, B.A. Political Science

**Why did you choose Duquesne Law?** I chose Duquesne Law because I was attracted to Duquesne’s strong alumni network and its commitment to making practice-ready lawyers in Pittsburgh.

**What might people be surprised to know about you?** I love basketball and wanted to find a way to stay close to the game during law school, so during my 1L year I helped coached a local high school team.

**What are some of your interests outside of law school?** Outside of law school I love spending time with my daughter, Sienna. No matter how busy I am with school, I always make a point to spend some quality time with her every night. Currently our favorite show to watch together is Miraculous: Tales of LadyBug & Cat Noir!

**Which law student organizations or publications are you involved with?** Appellate Moot Court Board, BLSA
Our Academic Excellence Program is available to help you during all years of your legal education. In addition to attending the Academic Excellence orientation, you can enroll in any Academic Excellence workshop or course, borrow materials from the Study Room, be matched with a peer tutor, or request a one-on-one appointment at any time.

Do you have questions about Academic Excellence? Contact Maryann Herman, Director of Academic Excellence, at hermanm1@duq.edu.

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Meet Emily McKenzie

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Undergraduate Institution: Longwood University, B.S. Criminal Justice and Criminology

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Academic Excellence Program
duq.edu/law/academicexcellence

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Clinical Legal Education

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Watch for news about student open house events at the Tribone Center for Clinical Legal Education, and learn more about specific clinics and programs of interest to you.

Clinics and Practicum
- Civil Rights Clinic
- Education Law Clinic
- Family Law Clinic
- Federal Litigation Clinic
- Juvenile Defender Clinic
- Veterans Clinic
- Unemployment Compensation Clinic
- Urban Development Practicum
- Transactional Clinic - Wills and Advance Healthcare Directives

Fellowships
- Public Interest Law Association Fellowships
- McGinley Public Service Law Fellowships

Yearlong Externships
- Criminal Prosecution Program
- Pennsylvania Innocence Project
- Public Defender Adult/Juvenile Program
- One-Semester and Summer Externship Placements
  - More than 300 externship partners in the United States and abroad
  - Federal, state, and county judicial offices
  - Federal, state, and city government agencies
  - Legal aid and nonprofit organizations

Pro Bono Placements
- Dozens of placement sites
- Open to all students
- Opportunities for service recognition

Meet Oluwaseyi Odunaiya

What advice would you give to incoming law students? Don’t be afraid to expand your horizons especially during your first year. The legal field can be daunting because there is so much to consider however, attending programs, networking, joining organizations, and stepping out of your comfort zone can help narrow your focus.

Undergraduate Institution: Ohio University, B.S. Journalism

Why did you choose Duquesne Law? I chose Duquesne because it is in the heart of Pittsburgh and I was very attracted to Pittsburgh’s legal market. I also chose Duquesne for its phenomenal writing program.

Which law student organizations or publications are you involved with? I am President of our Black Law Students Association and an Executive Board Member of our Employment Law Society. I am also the Director of Competitions for Appellate Moot Court Board and a Senior Staff Member of the Duquesne Law Review.

Which clinical program have you completed? I completed the Public Defender’s Clinic. I chose to do this clinic because I wanted to get substantial trial experience and I wanted to have direct contact with clients. During the first semester, I worked directly with a trial attorney in the Public Defender’s office who allowed me to shadow her during pretrial hearings and appearances before a judge. She was also second chair in a trial that I attended. During the second semester, we worked with attorneys in the preliminary hearing division and practiced going before a Magistrate Judge for preliminary hearings. The experience was unmatched and increased my confidence in advocating for others.
Meet James Benedek

What advice would you give to incoming law students? Have fun and enjoy the moment. Law school is a privilege that many do not appreciate because they are caught up in the stress and workload. Take a moment to realize what you have already accomplished and use that as fuel to reach even greater goals.

Undergraduate Institution: The Catholic University of America (Washington, DC), B.A. Politics, Minors: Philosophy and Theology

Why did you choose Duquesne Law? Duquesne School of Law had a wonderful evening program with a strong alumni community in the great city of Pittsburgh. This program has afforded me the opportunity work during the day and go to school at night. In addition, the small class sizes meant that I would be able to establish meaningful relationships with professors and my fellow law students, which I thought was extremely important and valuable.

What is your favorite law school class and professor? Constitutional Law was my favorite class, because it allowed me to access some of my undergraduate knowledge of political theory and government, which I truly love. Professor John Rago is one of my favorite professors, because he has provided me guidance in my studies, empowered me to pursue my passions, and has taken the time to talk with me on a personal level about life in general. He is much more than just my professor. He is a friend and a mentor I go to for advice.

What work experiences have you had? During my undergraduate years in Washington, D.C., I worked for a couple of congressmen on Capitol Hill and I worked for the National Headquarters of AARP. Now, I work for Zacharia Brown P.C., which is an elder law firm dedicated to estate and Medicaid planning.
Undergraduate and graduate institutions:
West Virginia University, B.A. Political Science, Minor in Women and Gender Studies

What advice would you give to incoming law students?
Reach out to any of the current students and ask them any and every question you have. It will make you so much more confident on your first day. The students are always willing to help.

What work experiences have you had?
I was accepted into the ACBA’s summer clerkship program my 1L year which allowed me to work as a summer associate with Meyer Unkovic and Scott. I was invited back to MUS my second year and just accepted a position to return to MUS after graduation.

Which clinical program have you completed?
I completed the Public Defender’s clinic taught by Stacy Steiner and Elliot Howsie. There, we were able to become certified student interns and even present at a hearing.

What are your practice-area interests?
I am really interested in the transactional side of the law. Property was one of my favorite classes and law school so I’d love to work on the transactional side of real estate matters.

What are some of your interests outside of law school?
My family and I started the PeGa Foundation, a non profit mentor based program that focuses on group and one-on-one mentorship activities and scholarship programs. When I am not working with PeGa, I am probably at some sporting event.

Meet Azhiare Goodwin-Rowe

Why did you choose Duquesne Law?
I knew I wanted to move to a bigger city and work somewhere downtown once I graduated. I loved that Duquesne was within walking distance from downtown. I also loved how welcoming the faculty and students were the moment I received my acceptance from the school. It made my decision really easy for me.

Lawyers on Location
Throughout the year, our Career Services Office creates opportunities for you to meet attorneys who practice many different types of law. The Lawyers on Location program, for instance, has featured these employers:

• Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney
• Eckert Seamans
• MSA – The Safety Company
• Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti
• Pittsburgh Penguins
• Thomson Rhodes & Cowie
• U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
The Duquesne Law Experience

Student Organizations

- African and Islamic Law Society
- American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
- Animal Law Society
- Black Law Students Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Corporate Law Society
- Criminal Law Society
- Duquesne Intellectual Property Law Association
- Duquesne Italian-American Law Society
- Education Initiative for Individual Diversity/LGBTQ+
- Education Law and Policy Society
- Energy and Mineral Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- Family Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Health Law Society
- Hispanic American Bar Association
- Indigenous Law Society
- International Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Labor and Employment Law Society
- Military Law Society
- Older and Wiser Law Students
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Public Interest Law Association
- Solo Practitioner Society
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Student Bar Association
- Women’s Law Association

Pursue your passions with Duquesne Law’s many student organizations and publications.

Meet Drew Kerr

What advice would you give to incoming law students? You will hear a lot about the stressors of law school. While there is definitely stress involved, law school is completely manageable and is really only as stressful as you allow it to be. You are still allowed to do things you enjoy even though you are in law school!

Undergraduate and graduate institutions:
California University of Pennsylvania, B.S. Criminal Justice, summa cum laude

Why did I choose Duquesne Law? I chose Duquesne because of the impact having a Duquesne education can have on potential employers. Also, the fact that campus is located within walking distance of Pittsburgh’s legal community makes balancing work and school extremely easy.

What you might be surprised to know about you? During undergrad, I co-founded an animal welfare non-profit called “Castaway Companions.”

What are your work experiences? After my 1L year I worked at a firm that dealt with everything from property disputes to criminal defense. Currently, I am working at a different firm downtown and am dealing with a lot of personal injury and criminal defense cases.

What are your interests outside of law school? Anything pertaining to drums. They are my first love.
Undergraduate and graduate institutions:
Kent State University

Which law student organizations or publications are you involved with? I am involved with the Mock Trial Competition Teams. Working with the coaches and preparing for competition have been some of the most fun and educational experiences during my time in law school.

What work experiences have you had? I began an internship with the Allegheny County District Attorney’s office the summer after 1L year and maintained that internship through graduation. After my first summer there, I knew it was the place for me and I was then able to focus my course schedule on criminal law to be sure I took advantage of all of the opportunities to prepare myself before graduation.

What might people be surprised to know about you? People might be surprised to know that I am fluent in Spanish. My undergraduate degree is in Spanish: Literature, Culture and Translation. The skills I learned while learning Spanish have been helpful in my law school journey in several ways. Learning another culture taught me to see things from unfamiliar points of view, just like you need to when evaluating and formulating a legal argument.

What are some of your interests outside of law school? Outside of law school, I love to stay up to date on the latest true crime documentaries and podcasts. The My Favorite Murder podcast has gotten me through many traffic jams throughout my commutes to and from school.

Meet Catherine Aikens

What advice would you give to incoming law students? Take some time to relax and evaluate relationships in your life before coming to law school. Make sure you are surrounded by positive, understanding, and supportive people before starting law school.
Meet Devyn Lisi

What advice would you give to incoming law students?
The most important thing to remember about law school is that it is only three years; use your time at Duquesne to your advantage! There are so many incredible opportunities to take advantage of, do not miss out on the things you are interested in. But on the other hand, do not forget about your life outside of class; law school is three years, life is forever. Take care of your relationships and yourself, even during finals!

Undergraduate and graduate institutions:
University of Pittsburgh

Why did you choose Duquesne Law? Being from Western Pennsylvania, I always had Duquesne in my mind as a top law school choice. Duquesne has an incredible reputation and network of alumni; this has been a fantastic advantage in looking for jobs in the Pittsburgh area. Duquesne also has a long list of distinguished professors and faculty, all of whom encourage and support each student in any way that they can. Overall, Duquesne Law is an encouraging environment that is focused on preparing individuals to be successful attorneys.

What is your favorite law school class and professor? So far, Evidence with Professor Jane Moriarty has been my favorite! She is so knowledgeable and fun to learn from.

Which law student organizations or publications are you involved with? Student Ambassador, Trial Advocacy, Criminal Law Society, BARBRI Representative.

What work experiences have you had? Legal Intern at the Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office for the Forfeiture and Finance Department; Legal Intern in the Allegheny County Family Courts for Judge Paul E. Cozza, and Research Assistant for Dean Wesley Oliver.

What are your practice-area interests? I would love to work in litigation; specifically, criminal law fascinates me, however my time at Duquesne has opened my mind to civil litigation as well.

What are some of your interests outside of law school? I love food and cooking! Exploring the restaurant scene in Pittsburgh has been a great weekend activity.
Undergraduate and graduate institutions:
Gannon University

Meet Kyle Rodewald

Why did you choose Duquesne Law?
Quoting Professor Mistick, “Duquesne University School of Law does God’s work.” The decision to apply to Duquesne Law, the only law school in the country where I applied, was one of the greatest decisions that I have ever made.

Undergraduate and graduate institutions:
Gannon University

What advice would you give to incoming law students?
Appreciate the opportunity that you have been given to become a Duquesne-educated American lawyer. This appreciation requires for you to truly learn the law while on campus, for the sake of your future clients and for your future reputation as an attorney. Understand that becoming an attorney is a difficult undertaking and an esteemed profession of service to others, one in which you should take pride in.

What is your favorite law school class and professor?
My favorite law school class was Criminal Law with Professor Mistick. If you are lucky enough to get into this class, you will learn countless life lessons that go beyond the bounds of the law. Just remember to stand on your feet when answering questions in his class!

What work experiences have you had?
While enrolled at Gannon University, I was a legal intern for former Mayor of Erie, Rick Filippi, and a tipstaff in the Erie Court of Common Pleas under Judge Stephanie Domitrovich. Both Rick Filippi and the Honorable Stephanie Domitrovich are Alumni of Duquesne University School of Law. This previous summer, I had an internship with the Marines at Camp Pendleton in Southern California in the Legal Assistance office.

Which clinical program have you completed?
I am the current Student Manager of the Urban Development Practicum and would highly recommend it for any students that want legal experience.
Congratulations on your acceptance!