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### Overview<sup>6</sup>

In 1916, Emory University established a law school with a faculty of great teachers with degrees from the most highly regarded institutions of the era, a library of over 5,000 volumes, and a class of twenty-seven students.

Today, Emory University School of Law combines a practical and disciplined view toward the study of law with a commitment to providing its students experiential learning opportunities that engage them in the varied and integral roles the law plays in our community, society, and the world. Emory Law's student-centered focus, innovative programs, externships, and commitment to scholarly research ensure students are prepared to make an immediate impact after graduation.

### Student-Faculty Ratio<sup>7</sup>

11.0:1

### Admission Criteria<sup>8</sup>

	<b>LSAT</b>	<b>GPA</b>
25th-75th Percentile	157-166	3.39-3.84
Median*	165	3.75

The above LSAT and GPA data pertain to the 2013 entering class.

\*Medians have been calculated by averaging the 25th- and 75th-percentile values released by the law schools and have been rounded up to the nearest whole number for LSAT scores and to the nearest one-hundredth for GPAs.

## Admission Statistics

Approximate number of applications	3876
Number accepted	1241
Acceptance rate	32%

The above admission details are based on 2013 data.

## Class Ranking and Grades<sup>7-16</sup>

Grade point average is determined for graduate students, although class rank is not calculated. Because graduate students are graded separately from JD students, they do not impact the JD grading curve or class rank. Emory University School of Law uses a letter grading system, with grades ranging from A+ to F.

A mean of 3.30 is mandatory in every non-seminar class in which more than ten Emory JD students are taking the class for a grade, and no portion of a student's grade is group-based. A mean of 3.30 is recommended in all excluded classes.

A J.D. student may elect to take a total of six credit hours pass/fail. Graduate students (JM, LLM, MCL, SJD) are not permitted to select the Pass/Fail option for any of their coursework, unless they are taking a non-law class or that is the predetermined grading scheme for all students in a particular course.

## Honors<sup>11, 12</sup>

JD students with a final cumulative average of 3.45 graduate with Honors.

JD students with a final cumulative average of 3.80 graduate with High Honors.

The First Honor Graduate is the student in the graduating class with the highest overall academic average computed on all three years of work done at Emory.

One LLM Leadership Award and one JM Leadership Award are presented each year. These leadership awards are given to an LLM and JM student who engages with the Law School community, exhibits leadership and concern for the well-being of students, and has done well academically.

## Awards<sup>18</sup>

Name of Award	Awarded for/to
A. James Elliott Award	Outstanding commitment to public service
ABA/BNA Award	Outstanding students in intellectual property
ABA/BNA Award	Outstanding students in health law
ABA/BNA Award	Outstanding students in labor/employment law
ADR Conflict Resolution Award	Outstanding ADR skills

ALI-ABA Leadership Award	Outstanding leadership and scholarship
American Bankruptcy Institute Medal	Outstanding student in bankruptcy
Attorneys Title Guaranty Fund Award	Outstanding student in real estate courses
Barbara Rudisill Award	Memorial award for law as second career
Beynart Professionalism Award	Committee selection on outstanding 3L
Bryan Prize	Outstanding achievement in Con Law
Burt and Betty Schear Book Prize	Unique character and leadership
CCH-Kleinrock Publishing Award	Outstanding student in tax
Chee Davis Award	Best Journal comment
Class of 2007 Service Award	Honoring extracurricular activities
Custer-Tuggle Award	Outstanding commitment to family law
Dean's Public Service Awards	Dedicated service to the law school
Emory Intl Law Rev Founders Award	Best Journal comment
Emory Intl Law Review Red Pen Award	Award for best editing
GA Assn. of Women Lawyers Award	Outstanding commitment to women in law
GA Tax Section Award	Outstanding overall achievement in taxation
Gary B. Katz Memorial Award	Outstanding service in Student Legal Services
Herman Dooyeweerd Prize	Outstanding Law & Religion students
IATL Award	Outstanding litigation skills
James C. Pratt Memorial Award	Outstanding leadership in Moot Court
Keith J. Shapiro Award	Excellence - Business and Consumer Bankruptcy
LaMar Inn of Court	Outstanding advocacy skills
Michael Gullett Memorial Award	Award for best speaker
Moffett Litigation Award	Outstanding student in trial preparation
Most Outstanding Third Year Award	Outstanding leadership
Myron Penn Laughlin Award	Excellence in Legal Research & Writing
Nat'l. Assn. of Women Lawyers Award	Outstanding devotion to women in law issues
Order of Emory Advocates	Excellence in advocacy
Outstanding Caseworker Award	Overall leadership in Student Legal Services
State Bar of GA Labor/Employment	Outstanding students in labor and employment law
State Bar of GA Real Property Award	High achievement in real property coursework
The Order of Barristers	Outstanding students in appellate advocacy
Who's Who Award	Overall leadership in law school
Outstanding Caseworker Award	Overall leadership in Student Legal Services

## Journals

The **Emory Law Journal** was the first journal sponsored by Emory University School of Law. Originally entitled the Journal of Public Law, the Journal specialized in public law fields. In 1974, the Editorial Board changed the name of the Journal to the Emory Law Journal and pledged to widen the editorial scope of the Journal to include matters of general law, while maintaining an emphasis on public law. ELJ publishes six issues a year, featuring professional and student articles on a broad range of legal topics, and remains entirely student edited. ELJ also publishes an online companion to the Journal, ELJ Online. Additionally, ELJ hosts the Randolph W. Thrower Symposium in the spring semester, which brings together legal scholars from across the country to discuss timely legal topics.<sup>19</sup>

The **Emory International Law Review** enjoys an international reputation as a leader in international legal scholarship. EILR publishes articles and essays submitted by professionals and students from around the world on a vast array of topics ranging from human rights to international intellectual property issues. EILR is edited entirely by students and is known for excellence in scholarship, legal research, analysis, and professionalism in the publication process.<sup>20</sup>

The **Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal** is the only student-run bankruptcy journal in the United States. The Journal publishes semi-annually and hosts a symposium in the spring. This widely-read print and online journal provides a forum for research, debate, and information for practitioners, scholars and the public.<sup>21</sup>

The **Emory Corporate Governance and Accountability Review** explores the relationship between the corporation and its stakeholders in the United States and abroad. This online, student-run publication addresses issues such as litigation, financial risk management, labor law, products liability, environmental law, health law, lawmaking, and the corporation's pervasive influence in American politics. The journal's overarching goal is to affect positive change in the corporate world by promoting sound business ethics and fair play. Student members are required to author blog posts and short essays, while external contributors (law professors, judges, practitioners, etc.) submit for publication works of virtually any length, including full-length law review articles.<sup>22</sup>

**IP Theory**, founded in 2010, is an online, peer-edited, open-access intellectual property law publication. It is neither law journal nor blog; it is a different sort of publication designed to occupy a niche between the two. It serves as a new forum for essays and opinion pieces that are more concise (and more lightly footnoted) than typical law review articles, as well as book and other literature reviews.<sup>23</sup>

The **Center for the Study of Law and Religion** is dedicated to studying the religious dimensions of law, the legal dimensions of religion, and the interaction of legal and religious ideas and institutions, norms and practices.<sup>24</sup>

## Moot Court<sup>25</sup>

The Moot Court Society is a competitive, student-run organization that provides experiential opportunities to develop oral advocacy and brief-writing skills. Each fall, Emory Law students organize and host the annual Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition. Membership in Moot Court Society is open to all full-time students, properly enrolled in Emory Law with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.35 and meeting other requirements. Moot Court Society is comprised of 70 members. To satisfy the requirements for membership, a candidate must successfully compete in one intra-school competition and one interschool competition. On the basis of their brief-writing and oral

advocacy scores in an intra-school competition, competitors are placed on one of the special teams, and have the opportunity to compete in various interschool competitions around the country.

### Clinical Programs<sup>26</sup>

Emory Law’s legal clinics provide students with the foundational skills, judgment, and values necessary to engage in the practice of law. Each clinic’s docket is designed to fully immerse students in all aspects of the legal process, allowing them to take the lead on litigation, transactional, and policy matters at local, state, regional, national, and international levels. Clinics include:

The **Barton Child Law Public Policy and Legislative Clinics** are committed to the use of sound legal and scientific research and development of evidence-based reforms.

The **Barton Juvenile Defender Clinic** is dedicated to providing holistic legal representation for children in delinquency, educational advocacy, and status offense proceedings.

The **Barton Appeal for Youth Clinic** provides holistic appellate representation of youthful offenders in the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

The **International Humanitarian Law Clinic** is a research and advocacy institute that promotes the law of armed conflict and fights to eliminate torture, war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity.

The **Turner Environmental Law Clinic** provides important pro bono legal representation to individuals, community groups, and nonprofit organizations that seek to protect and restore the natural environment for the benefit of the public.

The **Volunteer Clinic for Veterans** assists those who have served our country with the legal issues that they face, including claims for service-connected disability.

### Placement Facts<sup>27</sup>

#### Starting Salaries (2012 Graduates Employed Full-Time)

Private sector (25th-75th percentile)	\$60,000 - \$136,250
Private sector - Median	\$100,000
Public service - Median	\$55,000

#### Employment Details

Graduates known to be employed at graduation	53.8%
Graduates known to be employed nine months after graduation	78.6%

#### Areas of Legal Practice

Graduates Employed In	Percentage
Law Firms	57.8%
Business and Industry	10.9%
Government	9%

Judicial Clerkships	10.9%
Public Interest Organizations	9.4%
Academia	1.6%
Unknown	0.4%

## Externships/Internships<sup>28</sup>

### Externships

Emory Law School encourages externships. Through Emory Law's Externship Program, students take the skills and principles they learn in the classroom and learn how they apply in practice. Externships are an educational experience in every sense. Students learn about being professionals. They discover that real attorneys and judges wrestle with and take seriously ethical issues every day, believe in the value of service regardless of their area of practice, and are committed deeply to their clients, the rule of law, and a high standard of excellence. Students also come to appreciate that, throughout their careers, they should strive to identify the ways they can improve their skills and knowledge to become better lawyers.

## Student Organizations<sup>29</sup>

- American Constitution Society
- Amicus
- Antitrust Law Society
- Asian American Law Students Association
- Banking and Financial Institutions Law Society
- Bankruptcy and Debtor/Creditor Law Society
- Black Law Students Association
- Child and Family Law Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Civil Litigation Law Society
- Civil Rights Law Society
- Communications and Media Law Society
- Corporate and Business Law Society
- Criminal Law Society
- Dispute Resolution Law Society
- Emory Federalist Society
- Emory Law Students for Life
- Emory Law Students for Reproductive Justice
- Emory Mock Trial Society
- Emory Moot Court Society
- Emory OutLaw
- Emory Public Interest Committee (EPIC)
- Environmental Law Society
- Estate Planning Law Society
- Health Law Society
- Homeless Advocacy Program
- Immigration Law Society
- Intellectual Property Law Society
- International and Comparative Law Society

- JD/MBA Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- JM Society
- Labor and Employment Law Society
- Lamar Inn of Court
- Latin American Law Students Association
- Law School Democrats
- LAWS: Legal Association for Women Students
- LLM Society
- National Security Law Society
- Real Estate Law Society
- South Asian Law Students Association
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Street Law
- Student Bar Association
- Student Legal Services
- Supreme Court Advocacy Project
- Tax Law Society
- Tort and Insurance Law Society

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