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### Overview<sup>4</sup>

Georgetown Law began modestly in the 19th century when the directors of Georgetown University recommended the establishment of a separate department to train lawyers. It was the first law school created by a Jesuit institution of higher learning in the United States.

In the fall of 1870, with high expectations and a tenuous financial structure, Georgetown's law school enrolled 25 students from 12 states and Cuba. The course of study required two years of evening classes. Though the law school weathered heavy financial storms and other worries, the vision of its early leaders, the reputation of the faculty, and the record of the first graduating class helped to build a strong foundation that would see it through the next century and beyond.

In 1890, construction began on a new law school building at 506 E Street, N.W. After 80 years in its Victorian quarters, the Law Center moved to 600 New Jersey Avenue following the construction of Bernard P. McDonough Hall in 1971. The Edward Bennett Williams Law Library, built in 1989, provided seating for 1,270 users. The 1993 dedication of the Bernard S. and Sarah M. Gewirz Student Center added a residence hall to the campus along with a childcare facility.

### Student-Faculty Ratio<sup>5</sup>

11.2:1

### Admission Criteria<sup>6</sup>

	LSAT	GPA
25th-75th Percentile	164-169	3.49-3.83
Median*	168	3.74

Law School Admissions details based on 2013 data.

\*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<sup>7</sup>

Approximate number of applications	7578
Number accepted	2353
Acceptance rate	31.1%

The above admission details are based on 2013 data.

### Class Ranking and Grades<sup>8</sup>

Final grades are given on a letter system: A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D and F. A few Courses are graded on an honors/pass/fail basis; others are graded pass/fail.

The following numerical equivalents are assigned to each letter grade:

A+	4.00
A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C -	1.67
D	1.00
F	0.00

An A+ grade is assigned a 4.00 numerical equivalent, and is awarded (although not regularly) in recognition of truly extraordinary academic performance in a Law Center class. Even the best paper or examination in a course might not receive an A+.

If a student repeats a failed course, both grades will be entered on the student's transcript and will be included for the purpose of determining the grade point average of the student. Any student accumulating three failures will be dismissed for defective scholarship.

### Pass/Fail Option

The option to elect that a course be graded on a pass/fail basis is available to students in the J.D. program but is generally not available to LL.M. students.

## Grade Normalization (Curve)<sup>7</sup>

The following is the faculty-approved recommended curve for all first-year and upper level examination courses. The faculty also established a grade of A+ to be recorded on official law school transcripts in recognition of truly extraordinary academic performance in a law school class.

A	12%
A-	19%
B+	28%
B	31%*
B-	
C+	
C	5-10%*
C -	
D	
F	

\* Because the target percentage for B- and below is a range, rather than a specific number, the target percentage of B grades can increase by one percent for every percent below 10 percent that a faculty member decides to award grades of B- and below.

## Honors<sup>10</sup>

Honor	Criteria
Summa Cum Laude	At the discretion of the faculty
Magna Cum Laude	Top ten percent of graduating class
Cum Laude	Top third of the graduating class
The Dean's List	Students who place in the top third based upon annual grade-point average.
Director's List for CTLS	Top 15 percent of students each semester based upon cumulative grade point average for the one semester

## Awards<sup>11</sup>

Name of Award	Awarded for/to
ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in Health Care Law	Up to three graduating students for having the highest GPA in a basic health law course or for outstanding performance in this field.
ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in Intellectual Property Law	Up to three graduating students for having the highest GPA in a basic intellectual property law course or for outstanding performance in this field.

ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in Labor and Employment Law	Up to three graduating students for having the highest GPA in a basic labor and/or employment law course or for outstanding performance in this field.
ALI/ABA Scholarship and Leadership Award	The student who best represents leadership and scholarship.
American Bankruptcy Institute Medal	Excellence in bankruptcy law.
American Bankruptcy Law Journal Student Prize	The highest grade in any bankruptcy class at any accredited United States law school.
American Bar Association Section of Urban, State, and Local Government Law Certificate of Recognition	The best student in Land Use and Local Government Law.
Baker & McKenzie Law Student Assistance Program	First-year minority students.
Beaudry Cup	The best advocates of the first-year class.
The Bellamy Negotiation Competition	The students who best demonstrate skillful handling of a simulated legal negotiation with their peers.
CALI Excellence for the Future Award	Each student receiving the top grade in a law school course.
Joyce Chiang Memorial Award	A student committed to public service.
Jeffrey Crandall Award	A student committed to legal aid who exemplifies the ideals and commitment of the late Jeffrey Crandall.
Dean's Certificate	Outstanding service to the Georgetown Law community.
Kathleen Stowe Dixon Visiting Student Prize	The visiting student with the highest GPA during his or her year at Georgetown University Law Center.
Dean Hugh J. Fegan Memorial Prize	The best overall academic record at the conclusion of the first year.
Michael Feldman Advocacy Award	An outstanding advocate in the Criminal Justice Clinic.
Georgetown Club of Metropolitan Washington, DC Award	The best overall academic performance.
Georgetown Law Journal Meritorious Service Award	Up to four members who have made outstanding contributions to the Georgetown Law Journal.
Alan J. Goldstein Memorial Award	The student in the Criminal Justice Clinic who best demonstrates intelligence, creativity, and resourcefulness in defending criminal clients and a dedication to criminal law, fair play, and justice.

Greenfield Trial Practice Awards	Substantial monetary awards to help defray the cost of student loans given to several students in the Criminal Justice Clinic who have accepted jobs as prosecutors and as public defenders.
Nelson T. Hartson Memorial Award	A graduating student in the JD program on the basis of scholastic achievement, economic need, or a combination of the two factors.
Deborah K. Hauger Memorial Fellowship Fund	A graduate to facilitate the study of issues in international affairs, specifically in the realm of peacekeeping in developing nations.
Kirby S. Howlett III Memorial Award	A recent graduate who has participated in the Criminal Justice Clinic or the Juvenile Justice Clinic, taken out student loans while attending Georgetown Law, and upon graduation accepts employment at a public defender's office.
International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award	Trial clinic students who excel at advocacy.
Juvenile Justice Clinic Public Service Award	A graduating Juvenile Justice Clinic student who has accepted a job providing service to the community.
Kappa Beta Pi Prize	The highest academic average after the first year.
Milton A. Kaufman Prize	The best work for the year on the Georgetown Law Journal.
Charles A. Keigwin Award	The best overall academic record after the first year.
John F. Kennedy Labor Law Award	The best overall performance in the field of labor law.
Leahy Moot Court Competition	The winner of the Leahy Moot Court Competition.
Francis E. Lucey, S.J. Award	The student with the highest academic average for his or her law school career.
James John McTigue Essay Award	The author of the best seminar paper.
George Brent Mickum III Prize	The highest academic average in first-year courses.
Saint Thomas More Award	The top three graduating journal members for outstanding work on the Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics.
National Association of Women Lawyers Award	Academic excellence and contribution to the advancement of women in society.
Vincent G. Panati Memorial Award	The best combined scholastic record in criminal justice courses.
Bettina E. Pruckmayr Memorial Award	Commitment to human rights.
Leon Robbin Patent Award	Annually to the graduating student who has done the best work in the field of patent law.
Sewall Key Prize	The best work in taxation.
Tutorial Program Award	Outstanding contributions to Georgetown Law's academic program.

Washington Law Reporter Prize	The best contribution to the success of the Student Bar Association.
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## Journals<sup>12-24</sup>

The **American Criminal Law Review** is the nation's premier journal of criminal law. The ACLR is published by the students of Georgetown Law. As an ABA publication, the ACLQ concentrates on a practitioner's approach to the criminal law.

The **Annual Review of Criminal Procedure** is the "must-have" reference guide for criminal law practitioners. It is a complete summary of recent decisions in federal criminal procedure, reaching over 1,000 pages in volume. The ARCP provides readers with objective, concise and accurate overview of the criminal procedure in the United States Supreme Court and each of the 12 Federal Circuit Courts.

The **Georgetown Immigration Law Journal** is a scholarly publication dedicated to the advancement of legal knowledge in the field of immigration law. The Journal is published quarterly and explores and analyzes international and domestic events as they shape the field of immigration law. Each issue features articles by scholars and legal practitioners, as well as a significant number of student notes and a section reviewing current developments in immigration.

The **Georgetown International Environmental Law Review** is widely recognized as a leading quarterly publication of thought-provoking scholarly commentary and practical analysis of both international and domestic environmental law. Environmental issues do not recognize political boundaries, nor do they respect territorial integrity. Attempts to confront and resolve global and transboundary environmental problems have created the need for a legal forum to provide analyses of these issues. GIELR was created to meet this need.

The **Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law** is in its fourteenth year of publication. The mission of the Journal is to explore the impact of gender, sexuality, and race on both the theory and practice of law. Georgetown established the first sex discrimination clinic in the country and also boasts one of the nation's most prestigious feminist legal faculties. The Journal seeks to complement this long tradition of scholarship and advocacy while expanding inquiries into the intersection between gender, sexuality, and race. The Journal is a unique publication that integrates cutting-edge scholarship and practical applications into each of the three distinct issues - one published in the winter and two published in the spring - that make up each volume.

The **Georgetown Journal of International Law** is one of the nation's top resources for scholars and practitioners in the field of international law. Formerly known as Law and Policy in International Business, the Journal publishes an annual review and commentary on the U.S. Court of International Trade in the fall. In the final three issues of each volume, the Journal publishes a diverse range of material in the fields of public international law, private international law, transnational law, foreign relations law, and comparative law. In addition to its publications, the Journal sponsors an annual symposium on a topic of current prominence; recent topics have included Economic Sanctions, Corporate Responsibility and the Alien Tort Statute, International Cyberlaw, and Sovereign Wealth Funds.

The **Georgetown Journal of Law & Modern Critical Race Perspectives** is one of Georgetown's newest law journals and one of the few law journals in the country dedicated to legal scholarship

on race and identity. The Journal was founded in 2007 by an extraordinarily driven group of students who were inspired by their experiences with critical race theorists at Georgetown and who saw the establishment of a race and identity law journal as a meaningful kind of activism. The Journal is committed to diversity and the staff includes students of all racial, ethnic, religious, and geographic backgrounds.

The **Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy** is published twice annually by students of Georgetown Law. GJLPP is a scholarly legal journal with a focus on conservative, libertarian, and natural law thought. Though the bulk of content advocates or critiques conservative, libertarian, or natural law positions, the Journal's Washington location allows it to stay abreast of all areas of law and public policy.

The **Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics** was founded in 1987 by Father Robert Drinan. Before joining the faculty of Georgetown Law, Father Drinan served in the U.S. House of Representatives for ten years on behalf of the 4th District of Massachusetts. He dedicated his career to many human rights interests and legal causes, including the elevation of the stature of legal ethics as a discipline and in practice. Now in its twenty-eighth year, the Journal aspires to serve as the main forum for the discussion and development of the most compelling and pertinent issues currently affecting both the Bench and the Bar.

The **Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy** is the nation's premier law journal on poverty issues. As part of its mission to bring an end to the desperate conditions afflicting so many in this wealthy nation, the Journal publishes articles from distinguished law professors and practitioners in poverty-related fields. In addition, the Journal features student research, works from scholars in poverty-related disciplines, and the "voices" of persons living in poverty. The Journal's unique, comprehensive, and multidisciplinary approach to poverty issues and law represents a groundbreaking approach to scholarly publication. Consistent with its mission, the Journal is also actively involved in local community outreach and works with legal and social service organizations to provide assistance to those in need.

The **Georgetown Law Journal** is headquartered at Georgetown Law in Washington, D.C. and has published more than 500 issues since its inception, as well as the widely used Annual Review of Criminal Procedure (ARCP). The Journal is currently, and always has been, run by law students. Volume 1, Issue 1 was published in November 1912, under the supervision of Editor-in-Chief Eugene Quay. At the time, an annual subscription to the new Journal cost one dollar. The first article was titled "The 125th Anniversary of the Drafting of the Constitution of the United States."

The **Journal of National Security Law & Policy** is the world's only peer reviewed journal devoted exclusively to national security law and policy. The Journal is published three times per year. The Journal is co-sponsored by Georgetown Law and the Syracuse University Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism. Students at Georgetown have the opportunity to work on the Journal, and students are selected through the write on process every May.

The **Tax Lawyer** publishes four issues annually, including an issue of The State and Local Tax Lawyer. The Tax Lawyer and The State and Local Tax Lawyer are published by the Section of Taxation of the American Bar Association with the assistance of the Georgetown University Law Center and its students. The Tax Lawyer endeavors to provide scholarly articles and student notes and comments on topics of professional interest to members of the Section of Taxation and other readers.

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

Students at the Law Center can compete in various moot court programs across the country. The Law Center also hosts a moot court program that deals with emerging international law and space law issues.

Students at the Law Center also benefit from the school's Washington, D.C. location and unique Supreme Court Institute, which sponsors practice sessions that allow attorneys to prepare for oral arguments before the United States Supreme Court. The Law Center has become the principal stop of many counsel seeking expert assistance in oral argument preparation prior to appearing before the Court. Nearly all of the cases heard by the Court each term are mooted at Georgetown before a panel of "Justices" that includes law faculty and experienced Supreme Court advocates.

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

In connection with the school's clinical programs, students serve as the lead lawyer on a case or project. By representing actual clients facing real legal challenges, students learn about the practical art of lawyering while providing quality legal representation to under-represented individuals and organizations. Clinic students benefit from intensive and individualized supervision; the average student: faculty ratio in the clinic is just 5:1. Clinics offered by the school include:

- The Legal Assistance for the Public
- The Appellate Litigation Clinic
- The Center for Applied Legal Studies
- The Community Justice Project
- The Criminal Defense & Prisoner Advocacy Clinic
- The Criminal Justice Clinic
- The DC Law Students in Court
- The DC Street Law Program
- The Domestic Violence Clinic
- The Federal Legislation and Administrative Clinic
- The Harrison Institute for Housing & Community Development
- The Harrison Institute for Public Law
- The Institute for Public Representation
- The International Women's Human Rights Clinic
- The Juvenile Justice Clinic
- The Social Enterprise and Nonprofit Clinic
- The Clinical Faculty

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

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

Private sector (25th-75th percentile)	\$160,000 - \$160,000
Private sector - Median	\$160,000
Public service - Median	\$58,000

### Employment Details

Graduates known to be employed at graduation	77.3%
Graduates known to be employed nine months after graduation	84.3%



## Areas of Legal Practice

Graduates Employed In	Percentage
Law Firms	52.9%
Business and Industry	5.7%
Government	16.1%
Judicial Clerkships	7.6%
Public Interest Organizations	15.2%
Academia	1.9%
Unknown	0.5%

## Externships/Internships

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

Externships offer Georgetown law students the opportunity to earn credit for unpaid work in the public sector. Facilitated by the school's unique location in the heart of Washington, most students work for the federal government, though a substantial number choose to work on the Hill, in judicial chambers, or in local or national non-profit agencies.

### Internships<sup>29</sup>

**Investigative Internship Program:** Recognizing the need for high quality representation for indigent criminal defendants, the Criminal Justice Clinic was founded in 1960. The program's goal is to ensure that persons charged with criminal offenses have access to top-notch legal services. As part of the Criminal Justice Clinic, the Investigative Internship Program was founded in 1985 and continues today as an integral part of the success of our clinical program. Investigators work closely with clinic attorneys in all aspects of pre-trial preparation.

## Student Organizations<sup>30</sup>

- 1L Tutors
- Advocates Against Sexual Violence
- American Bar Association
- American Civil Liberties Union-Georgetown Law
- American Constitution Society
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Beyond a Reasonable Stout
- Catholic Student Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Club Basketball
- + Colombia
- Consumer Law Society
- Contemplative Law Society
- Corporate Law Association
- Criminal Law Association
- Cuban American Bar Association

- Cyberlaw Association
- Entertainment Media Alliance-Law
- Environmental Law Society
- Equal Justice Foundation
- Everybody Wins - Georgetown Law
- Federalist Society
- Food Law Society
- Foreign Lawyers at Georgetown
- Future of Technology in the Law
- Gardening Club
- Georgetown Venture Lawyers
- Georgetown Labor and Employment Law Society
- Georgetown Speakers Club
- Gilbert & Sullivan Society
- Green Committee
- Gun Club
- Habitat for Humanity
- Home Court
- House Reach
- Hoya Lawya Runners
- Human Rights Action / Amnesty International
- Human Rights Institute
- Immigration Law Club
- Innocence Project
- International Arbitration Society
- International Law Society
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor
- Korean American Law Students Association
- Latin American Law Students Association
- Law Docs
- Law Weekly
- Lawcappella
- Law Democrats
- Law and International Development Society
- Lawyers for Corporate Accountability
- Law Students for Reproductive Justice (not sponsored or funded by University)
- LL.M. Tax Council
- Military Law Society
- Muevelo Latin Dance
- Muslim Law Students Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- National Security Law Society
- Older and/or Wiser Law Students
- OutLaw
- Outreach
- Parents Group
- Peer Advisor & Alumni Mentor Program
- Phi Alpha Delta

- Ping Pong Club
- Project Finance Society
- Project on Law and Politics
- Public Interest Fellows Program (OPICS)
- Republican Law Students Association
- Returned Peace Corp Volunteers
- Rugby Club
- Secular Student Alliance
- Securities & Financial Law Organization
- SJD Students
- Soccer Club
- Social Poker Club
- Society for Health Law & Bioethics
- Softball Club
- South Asian Law Students Association
- Speakers Club
- Space Law Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Student Intellectual Property Law Association
- Students Against Looting Valuable Antiquities
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- Transfer Students Association
- Uncorked
- Women of Color Collective
- Women's Basketball Club
- Women's Legal Alliance
- Workers' Solidarity Group
- Youth Advocacy Group

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