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Welcome from the Dean

Georgia State University College of Law, located in the heart of Atlanta, offers an exciting and challenging environment for the study of law. Founded to provide publicly funded legal education in both part-time and full-time programs, the College of Law has achieved extraordinary success and recognition in its 16-year history.

These pages show the great pride we take in our diverse and talented faculty, our dynamic 600-member student body, our rich curriculum, our state-of-the-art technology, our successful graduates, and our strong ties to the legal and urban community of which we are a part. Classroom instruction is critical and primary, but education at the College of Law extends far beyond that venue. As you examine our college, take note of our joint-degree programs, our live-client Tax Clinic, our international programs abroad, our externship placements at public agencies, our moot court and mock-trial programs, and our Law Review.

Come to our campus and visit with our students, faculty and staff. I am confident that you will experience our strong commitment to high ethical and professional standards. I hope you will join us in our quest to make the law better reflect our society’s most cherished ideals and aspirations.

Janice C. Griffith
DEAN
Our Setting

Georgia State University College of Law in downtown Atlanta offers extraordinary educational opportunities. Our high-quality part-time and full-time programs facilitate mastery of the knowledge and professional skills demanded by today's global economy.

The college's proximity to Atlanta's major law firms and corporate offices enhances these educational programs, and our externship program places students in practice settings in these agencies to work under the supervision of judges and practicing lawyers. Georgia State students quickly learn to integrate their knowledge of legal theory with the wide array of practical skills needed to practice law successfully.

Accessibility

Full-time and part-time programs make the College of Law's high-quality legal education accessible to a diverse group of students. Courses are offered in the day and evenings. Full-time faculty teach equally in both programs, and part-time students have access to all programs and resources available to full-time students.

Opportunity

The College of Law's faculty, as thoughtful scholars and enthusiastic teachers, bring a broad range of talents and practical experience to classroom instruction. Our very favorable faculty/student ratio enables us to offer a varied curriculum with many upper-level electives taught in small classes.

Examine the components of our comprehensive curriculum and consider the possibilities. You could:

- prepare for employment in the public sector or the business world through our joint-degree programs in law and public administration or law and business administration
- equip yourself for the global information age in courses on intellectual property, computer law, comparative law and international law
- walk a few blocks to the state capitol, state courts, state governmental agencies, federal courts and the regional headquarters of federal agencies to learn how law is practiced
- train in alternative methods of dispute resolution through the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
- work with real clients in the Tax Clinic
- take advantage of the ongoing training in state-of-the-art technology offered to all segments of the law school community
- study abroad in the summer in our Transnational Comparative Dispute Resolution program held in Linz, Austria, with our partner, Johannes Kepler University
- explore the research possibilities of the Internet on the campus that is home to the Meta-Index for U.S. Legal Research, http://gsulaw.gsu.edu/metaindex/

You'll also benefit from the diversity of our students, organizations, guest speaker programs, moot court competitions and pro bono service activities. Our 600 diverse and dynamic students will add excitement, breadth and meaning to your education. Participation in a variety of student organizations can hone your leadership skills and knowledge of legal specialty areas. Employers view our graduates as highly motivated and well trained for today's competitive law practice.

Accreditation

Established in 1982 to provide publicly funded legal education in both part-time and full-time programs, the college is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.
Atlanta — a regional center

No introduction to Georgia State University and the College of Law would be complete without comment about our locale in the exciting city of Atlanta. Atlanta is a teeming metropolis and is the financial, business and government center of the Southeast.

The city's "can do" attitude has attracted 730 Fortune 1,000 companies and more than 1,300 foreign-owned firms. More Fortune 500 companies have their headquarters in Atlanta than in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Dallas or Boston. It is world headquarters for The Coca-Cola Company, UPS, Delta Air Lines, Home Depot and Holiday Inn Worldwide. Our airport, Hartsfield-International Atlanta, remains one of the globe's busiest travel hubs, and the metro area is a job-generating powerhouse.

Today, Atlanta, with the reputation as "the city too busy to hate," is remembered as the birthplace of Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement. As the Southeast's regional capital, Atlanta has a growing international population of more than three million people living in a scenic setting known for its dogwoods, azaleas and evergreens.

Georgia State is downtown, right in the middle of this great metropolis — and we like it that way. We're a stop on the city's rapid-rail line and an exit on the freeway interchange. More important, we're literally blocks from the region's cultural, business, communication and governmental centers. From the College of Law you can keep your eye on the state capitol dome or walk a few blocks to federal and state courts and office buildings — no small advantage for the law student.
Georgia State University – an urban research institution

Georgia State University constitutes an integral part of Atlanta's redefinition of its downtown; it is a leader in such fields as business, education and urban affairs. The university comprises five colleges — Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Health and Human Sciences, and Law — and the School of Policy Studies. As the seat of more than two dozen centers and institutes, we are a rapidly growing research center.

The second largest of Georgia's accredited institutions of higher education, Georgia State enrolls more than 24,000 students each fall. More than 900 full-time faculty teach courses leading to about 50 degrees in more than 200 fields of study. Georgia State educates students in fields as diverse as anthropology, entrepreneurship, digital commerce, child development, gerontology, hydrogeology, insurance, international business, psychology, sports and exercise, adult literacy and, of course, law.
Externship Program

The Externship Program seeks to better prepare students for the professional, emotional and ethical demands of the legal profession. Through governmental agencies, nonprofit public interest organizations and county, state and federal judges, the program exposes students to a broad range of legal fields, including alternative dispute resolution, banking law, criminal law, disability law, environmental law, immigration law, and securities regulation law. The experience trains externs in lawyerly skills, exposes them to law practice and instills in them a sense of professional responsibility for their community.

The externship field experience is supplemented by an academic component offered at the law school or at the work site. Those selected to participate in the program are assigned to work with designated individuals such as judges or staff attorneys who serve as their mentors.

Additional information about the Externship Program can be obtained from the Lawyer Skills Development Externship Office at 404/651-2137.

Joint-Degree Programs

The College of Law collaborates with the College of Business Administration and the School of Policy Studies to offer two joint degree programs. These programs allow students to earn both a master’s and a Juris Doctor degree by allowing some of the coursework in each program to satisfy requirements in the other. Applicants must be accepted by both colleges. Interested applicants should contact the appropriate colleges for application procedures and materials for the Master of Business Administration or Master of Public Administration programs.

Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

The Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (CNCR) is a multi-institutional, interdisciplinary program for research, teaching and service in conflict resolution. Since 1988, CNCR has provided research grants, supported curriculum development, organized conferences and symposiums, conducted training and facilitated dispute resolution for numerous private and public entities, both international and domestic.

Housed in the College of Law, CNCR serves as one of the college’s community outreach programs. CNCR provides support in the implementation of the Board of Regents’ Initiative and Policy Direction on Conflict Resolution and works closely with the Georgia Supreme Court’s Office of Dispute Resolution, the Carter Center, the Justice Center of Atlanta, the American Arbitration Association and the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution. Each semester, four to five law students are employed as graduate research assistants to support CNCR staff and faculty.
International Programs

The Georgia State University College of Law offers two established international programs, one for American law students to study abroad and the other for law students of former communist countries to participate in a one-semester certificate program at the law school.

Each summer, the College of Law runs an accredited foreign law program at the Johannes Kepler University in Linz, Austria. Under this program, law students at Georgia State and other U.S. law schools are given the opportunity to travel to Austria and earn six hours of credit for coursework in international arbitration and litigation. The program includes visits to court and arbitral facilities in European capital cities, such as Vienna and Prague.

The second program, called the International Connection, is a cooperative effort of the College of Law and members of the Atlanta legal and business community to invite individual law students from former communist countries to attend the College of Law for one semester on funded fellowships. Students enrolled in academic courses at the College of Law are mentored in an internship program by individual members of the bench and bar in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Past fellows include students from Bulgaria and Croatia.

Trial Advocacy

Trial Advocacy has several components. Our litigation program, offered each spring, teaches students the basic skills of trial work in small seminar groups, where they receive intensive writing and simulation exercises. More advanced seminar courses also are available to further enhance students' trial skills in civil and criminal areas.

Students also can become members of the Student Trial Lawyers Association (STLA) and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) Student Division. Student members may participate in several mock trial competitions held at various locations throughout the country.

The impressive performance of our trial teams has repeatedly placed Georgia State University among the nation's top 16 trial advocacy programs. Georgia State teams have advanced to the national ABA and Atlanta Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA) Trial Competitions and have garnered invitations to the NACDL Trial Competition, the John Marshall National Tournament and the Tournament of Champions. In 1989 and 1993, Georgia State students were selected Best Advocate at the Tournament of Champions. In 1994, a Georgia State team won the National NACDL Trial Competition, and a Georgia State student was selected Best Advocate. In 1997, the STLA teams won the intrastate and the southeastern invitational competitions. In 1998, Georgia State students were semifinalists in the Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy competition. In 1998, Georgia State teams won awards at the Criminal Justice Trial Competition, the ABA Southeastern Regional Competition, and the ATLA Regional Competition.
Moot Court

Each year, College of Law students compete in several of the most challenging and prestigious moot court competitions throughout the country to hone their appellate advocacy skills. The Moot Court Program at the College of Law has achieved substantial renown in its 16-year history.

The National Moot Court Competition, sponsored by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, is the oldest and most recognized national competition, and in 1988 the College of Law became the first law school in Georgia to place first in that competition. Teams from the College of Law have since won numerous other competitions including the Regional National Appellate Advocacy Competition, the Georgia Intrastate Competition, the regional Thomas Tang Competition and the Southeast Regional National Trademark Competition and the National Wagner Labor Law Competition. Georgia State teams also have garnered numerous second and third place finishes and have earned several awards for Best Brief and Best Oralist.

In addition to preparing students for these outside competitions, the Moot Court Program spends considerable time assisting in the development of the appellate advocacy curriculum within the College of Law. Moot Court members are responsible for administering the second-year course in Appellate Advocacy, drafting mock problems for internal competitions, drafting bench memos, serving as judges and brief graders for the second-year appellate advocacy competition, and assisting the Research, Writing and Advocacy faculty in running the annual moot court competition for first-year students.

The Tax Clinic

The Tax Clinic is a live-client component of the college's Lawyer Skills Development Program. It serves mostly low-income individuals who are involved in disputes with the Internal Revenue Service. The clinic teaches interviewing, counseling, negotiation, advocacy and case management skills, evidence gathering, and effective negotiation. The clinic addresses an unmet need in the local community, and exposes students to the resolution of ethical issues and the need for public service after graduation.

Cases handled by the Tax Clinic are postaudit matters that usually involve the Appeals Office and the Collections Division of the Internal Revenue Service. The clinic also represents individuals if cases reach the U.S. Tax Court. Students’ activities are closely supervised by the clinic director, who is a full-time faculty member, and a supervising attorney. The clinic receives calls from more than 150 taxpayers per year and has an inventory of about 60 cases, including many that eventually require conferences with the Internal Revenue Service Appeals Office. The clinic has an 80 percent win rate.

The Law Review

The Law Review is a legal journal published four times a year by second- and third-year students who have demonstrated outstanding writing and academic skills. The staff of the Law Review edits and publishes articles written by scholars, practitioners and students.

The fall issue features an annual legislative review known as the Peach Sheets. This review provides the legal community with an in-depth view of the Georgia General Assembly's activities and the legislative intent behind significant bills.

Law Review participation provides an intensive educational experience beyond the basic law school curriculum by enhancing analytical, organizational and writing skills. These qualities are highly respected by members of the legal community and are regarded as essential to the successful practice of law.
The Law Library

The College of Law Library is designed and equipped to meet the demanding research needs of today’s students, faculty members, staff and members of the legal community. With a collection of more than 137,000 hard-copy volumes and more than 125,000 microform equivalent volumes, the library provides research materials in American, British, Canadian and international law.

Holding 3,500 serial subscriptions, a large treatise collection, federal documents and a considerable legal audio and video collection, the library provides the primary and secondary sources needed for legal research. The college’s online catalog, OLLI, accesses both college holdings and materials in other libraries throughout Georgia. Our library users also have access to GALILEO (Georgia Library Learning Online), which is a system developed under a statewide initiative to improve information access in university libraries in Georgia. GALILEO provides a wealth of specialized electronic sources.

Given the importance of technology in law practice, students learn to access a variety of electronic information sources. In the college’s computer lab our students can access word-processing software, legal research databases, computer-assisted instructional exercises, electronic mail, course-related discussion groups and the Internet.

In the required courses in legal research, our highly skilled professional librarians provide students with hands-on instruction for the techniques of electronic and print legal research.

Computing and Educational Technology

The College of Law at Georgia State University has embarked on an ambitious plan to integrate technology into the teaching and learning of law. The College of Law’s services, facilities, courses and a student organization embody this mission.

Services

Students and faculty have access to a full range of Internet services through the college’s Web server, the local area network and the campus mainframe. All students have an e-mail account and receive e-mail communication via a closed, restricted distribution list. Most professors use e-mail discussion lists for courses, as well as for routine communication with students.

The college provides an award-winning Web site for the legal community, which includes the “Meta-Index for U.S. Legal Research” (http://gsulaw.gsu.edu/metaindex). The site is listed in the annual “Best of the Web” awards for legal professionals. See the January 1998 issue of legalonline or visit the Web site at http://www.legalonline.com.

Facilities

Students find a host of computer applications available in the law library computer lab, which is staffed by computer consultants. The college dedicates state-of-the-art computer equipment for training purposes only in our computer training room. A large classroom is equipped with a computer projection device. The college will soon be installing equipment and network connectivity in other classrooms and in the library study carrels. The classrooms and study carrels will accommodate laptop computers.

Courses

The course Law and the Internet is taught each year as a “virtual” classroom, and work product from the class is published online. The college also offers Computer Law, Computers and the Law Seminar, Law Science and Technology and a range of intellectual property courses, all of which touch upon issues relating to technology. Online resources are maintained on our Web server, including an assignments bulletin board and a conference center.

Student Organization

The Computers and the Law Society sponsors speakers and programs discussing the use of technology in legal practice. The events provide valuable contacts for students who are interested in a technology career.
A Curriculum that Meets Tomorrow's Challenges

The College of Law provides a traditional yet innovative curriculum. It offers extensive coverage of the foundational areas of the law to first-year students, while providing an array of elective opportunities in nearly all aspects of public and private law. Opportunities range from the study of legal philosophy and jurisprudence to vital skills training through courses in litigation counseling, negotiation, legal drafting and alternative dispute resolution.

The growth of technology in our lives is reflected in our courses in Intellectual Property and Computers and the Law, in our innovative course Law and the Internet, and in the increasing use of computer programs and online discussion groups as a supplement to the traditional classroom.

Our curriculum in International and Comparative Law reflects the increasing globalization of the law and the integration of domestic and international issues in our daily lives. Similar opportunities exist for in-depth study in other cutting-edge areas such as environmental law, health law, tax law, employment law, commercial law and bankruptcy.

The law school of the future will need to recognize the growing importance of interdisciplinary study, the relationship between law and policy, and the important role lawyers can play in serving the community. The College of Law's curriculum reflects these priorities. It offers opportunity for study on a joint-degree basis with the university's School of Policy Studies and the College of Business Administration. The College of Law's live-client Tax Clinic allows students to assist low- and moderate-income citizens in resolving tax problems with the IRS. Students have similar opportunities to serve the public through our extensive externship placements.

Full-Time and Part-Time Programs

The college offers students the opportunity to study on a full- or part-time basis. Full-time faculty teach equally in both programs and are assisted by adjunct faculty who have experience in specific areas. The full-time program requires three years of study. The first-year curriculum consists of required courses. Students enjoy numerous elective opportunities in their second and third years.

The part-time program accommodates students who wish to study law on a part-time basis. The typical semester load consists of nine to 10, rather than 15, credit hours. Part-time students can earn their degree within four years if they enroll during the summers, but most part-time students extend their studies over a period of four-and-a-half to five years.

Our part-time program is successful because we make a special effort to afford part-time students access to all of the programs and resources available to full-time students — and because our part-time students bring an added dimension to our law school community. Though part-time students take most of their courses in the evening, these students have a full opportunity to participate in moot court, law review and trial litigation programs as well as beneficial student life activities.
In the summer following my first year in law school, I was awarded a minority clerkship under a program sponsored by the Atlanta Bar Association. This program left me with several lasting impressions. First, I felt very honored that a committee composed of GSU College of Law faculty members and administrators selected me to represent GSU in the program. I knew that I had the necessary skills and knowledge to work in a law firm. Nonetheless, the selection committee's affirmation of what I knew instilled in me a level of pride that I had not felt before.

Soon, however, the honor turned to apprehension, which increased significantly when I learned that a law firm with which I had not interviewed selected me for a summer position. What will they expect of me? Can I meet the challenge? Will I let anybody down? Will I be treated differently? Well, the firm expected me to work hard, but I didn't have to know all the answers. I did meet the challenge, but I asked dozens of questions along the way. No, I did not let anybody down. But I made, and learned from, several mistakes that no one held against me. And best of all, no one reminded me that I was a minority summer clerk. Consequently, my strongest feelings about the minority clerkship program quickly subsided. Before, I had asked myself repeatedly, why, in 1997, do we still need a minority clerkship program in Atlanta? Don't local law firms recognize the talents and special contributions that minority students can bring to their firms?

Yes, many law firms do recognize the contributions of minority students, but some firms don't necessarily attract or actively seek minority students. Thanks to the Atlanta Bar Association, however, the minority clerkship program bridges the gap between these firms and minority students. Thanks to the GSU faculty and administration, I enjoyed the opportunity to interview with law firms and let them know that I can contribute to their operations.
Outline of the 90-hour Curriculum

**Full-time Program**

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Course particulars are found in the *College of Law Bulletin* and the *Schedule of Classes Bulletin*. Day classes are scheduled from 9 a.m. through the morning and afternoon. Evening classes are scheduled each week from 6 p.m. until 8:45 or 9:50 p.m., Monday through Friday.
**Electives**

Federal/Constitutional Law and Litigation
Constitutional Law II: Individual Liberties
Constitutional Law: Survey of the First Amendment
Constitutional Tort Litigation
Constitutional Law Seminar
Federal Criminal Law
Federal Courts

Government and Regulatory Affairs
Administrative Law
Admiralty
Environmental Law
Law of Hazardous Waste
Legislation
Legislative Drafting and Interpretation Seminar
Local Government Law
Mass Communication Law
National Security Law
Natural Resources Law
Regulated Industries
State Administrative Law

Business/Commercial Law
Accounting for Lawyers
Agency and Partnership
Antitrust
Banking Law
Basic Business Bankruptcy
Basic Consumer Bankruptcy
Bankruptcy and Tax Seminar
Bankruptcy Reorganizations
Basic Federal Taxation
Business Planning
Business Taxation
Corporations
Commercial Paper and Payment Systems
Copyrights
Corporate Finance
International Business Transactions
Patent Law
Products Liability
Regulated Industries
Sales
Security Interests and Liens
Securities Regulation
Seminar in Corporate Law
Seminar in Corporate Governance
Sports Law
Trademarks and Unfair Competition

Legal Practice/Lawyer Skills Development
Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution
Advanced Criminal Litigation
Advanced Evidence
Advanced Legal Research
Advanced Legal Writing
Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution
Appellate Advocacy
Conflict of Laws
Domestic Litigation
Estate Planning Seminar
Federal Courts
Georgia Practice and Procedure
Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation
Law Review
Legislation
Legislative Drafting and Interpretation Seminar
Moot Court
Remedies
Trial Advocacy

Comparative/International Law
Comparative Law
Comparative Law Seminar
Conflict of Laws
European Community Business Transactions
European Community Law
Immigration Law and Practice
International Business Transactions
International Commercial Arbitration Seminar
International Human Rights
International Trade Seminar
International Moot Court
Public International Law
Transnational Litigation Seminar

Law in the Public Interest/Individual Rights
Constitutional Law II: Individual Liberties
Constitutional Law: Survey of the First Amendment
Constitutional Tort Litigation
Consumer Protection
Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap
Education Law
Employment Discrimination
Environmental Law
Health Law
Seminar in Health Law
Juvenile Law
Labor Law
Law, Science and Technology Seminar
Natural Resources Law
Race and Ethnicity and the Law
Sexual Identity and the Law
Women and the Law

Criminal Law and Practice
Advanced Criminal Litigation
Appellate Practice and Procedure
Business Crimes
Criminal Procedure I
Criminal Procedure II
Federal Criminal Law
Trial Advocacy I
Trial Advocacy II
White Collar Crime

Labor/Employment Law
Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap
Employee Benefits
Employment Discrimination
General Employment Law
Labor Law
Workers’ Compensation
Workers’ Compensation Seminar
Taxation
Basic Federal Taxation
Business Planning
Business Taxation
Corporate Taxation
Estate and Gift Taxation
Estate Planning Seminar
Partnership Taxation
Tax Clinic
Tax Procedure and Tax Fraud

Law and the Family
Domestic Litigation
Family Law
Family Law Seminar
Juvenile Justice
Juvenile Law
Law and the Elderly

Wills, Trusts and Estates
Estate and Gift Taxation
Estate Planning Seminar
Future Interests
Wills, Trusts and Estates I
Wills, Trusts and Estates II

Environmental Protection/Land-Use Planning/Real Property
Energy Law
Environmental Law
International Environmental Law
Land Use Law
Local Government Law
Natural Resources Law
Law of Hazardous Waste
Real Estate Transactions
Water Rights

Intellectual Property
Arts and Entertainment Law
Computers and the Law
Copyrights
Trademarks and Unfair Competition
Patents

Jurisprudence/Interdisciplinary
Conflict of Laws
Health Law
Health Law Seminar
Jurisprudence
Selected Topics on Jurisprudence
Law and the Internet
Law and Psychiatry
Law, Science and Technology Seminar
Legal History

Lawyer Skills Development Externship Programs
Administrative Law:
Alternative Dispute Resolution — Fulton State Court
DHHS Office of the General Counsel

Banking Law:
Federal Reserve Bank

Civil/Criminal Defense and Prosecution:
DeKalb County District Attorney
DeKalb County Solicitor
Federal Defender Program, Inc.
Fulton County Solicitor
Georgia Justice Project, Inc.
Gwinnett County Solicitor
Rockdale County District Attorney
Rockdale Public Defender

Civil Rights and Post-Conviction Law:
Southern Center for Human Rights

Disability Law:
Georgia Advocacy Office

Environmental Law:
Environmental Protection Agency
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Immigration Law:
U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service

Judicial Clerkships:
DeKalb Superior Court
Fulton County Superior Court
Georgia Court of Appeals
Georgia Supreme Court
U.S. District Court

Juvenile Law:
Child Advocacy Unit — DeKalb County

Labor Law:
National Labor Relations Board

Legal Aid Law:
Atlanta Legal Aid, Senior Citizens Project

Litigation Law:
Georgia Department of Law
U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Georgia

Tax Law:
IRS, Estate and Gift Tax
IRS, Individual Tax
State Department of Revenue

Securities Regulation Law:
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Joint-Degree Programs
Law and Business Administration
Law and Public Administration

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Career Services

The Career Services Office (CSO) seeks to assist students and alumni in making career decisions and in achieving their career goals. To accomplish this mission, CSO provides individual career counseling, organizes on- and off-campus recruitment programs, offers special career-oriented programs, sponsors many panel discussions and workshops, and maintains an array of materials in the career resource library.

The Career Services Office provides opportunities for students to interview on campus during the fall and spring interviewing programs with law firms, businesses, government agencies and public-interest organizations. Job listings include current part-time, summer, temporary, volunteer and full-time opportunities. Georgia State students and law graduates can access Employment Opportunities Online (EOOL) 24 hours a day.

The Career Services Office offers special career-oriented programs for students. The Mentor Program connects students with attorneys in various legal practice areas. The Mock Interview Program enables students to hone their presentation skills prior to engaging in actual interviews. The Shadow Program links students with alumni in law and law-related positions for one week of "shadowing" exposure in the work environment.

In addition, the Career Services Office offers panel discussions covering a broad range of topics such as judicial clerkships, development and management of a solo practice, a "day in the life" of private practice attorneys, public service practice, career alternatives, women in the profession, ethnic diversity in the profession, and bar exam review. Workshops include orientation to the "world" of on- and off-campus recruitment, résumé/cover letter preparation and online job search training.

Class of '97 Employment at a Glance

93.09% of graduates were employed within six months of graduation.
Average starting salary: $48,897

- Private Practice
- Judicial Clerkship
- Government
- Business and Industry
- Public Interest
- Academic
- Other

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Student Organizations

The College of Law regards student organizations as an important part of a legal education experience and encourages participation in the college's wide variety of student organizations, some traditionally found in law schools, some less common. The college recognizes 22 organizations, most of them affiliations of national professional associations. We are proud of the accomplishments of these organizations. Organizations include:

- Student Bar Association
- Asian-American Law Students Association
- Association of Women Law Students
- Black Law Students Association
- Business Law Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Computer and Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies
- International and Comparative Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Law Review
- Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association
- Moot Court Board
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Public Interest Law Association
- Sports and Entertainment Law Association
- Student Health Lawyers Association
- Student Trial Lawyers Association
- Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International
- Phi Delta Phi Law Fraternity

Academic Enrichment Program

The Academic Enrichment Program consists of a series of tutorials conducted throughout the academic year. Student tutors, selected on the basis of proven academic excellence, meet with their sections biweekly for five weeks each semester. In addition, each student in the program is offered the opportunity to write a practice exam and have it reviewed by a tutor and critiqued in an individual session.

The tutorials are open to all students, but selected students are strongly encouraged to attend. The criteria used to target entering students include the Law School Admission Test score, undergraduate grade-point average and predicted first-year average (per Law School Data Assembly Service); the criterion used to target returning students is the law school grade-point average.

Disability Services

The university's Office of Disability Services coordinates the services that are available for students with special needs. A handbook of special services and arrangements for students with disabilities can be found on the Office of Disability Services Web page: http://www.gsu.edu/~wvods/. Questions concerning the accessibility of the Georgia State University campus for students with special needs should be directed to this office. The office also coordinates special parking needs of students. Information is available in Room 153, Sparks Hall. The telephone number is 404/651-1487 (voice/TTY). Students with special needs should register with this office at the beginning of their first semester of attendance. A brochure outlining the services will be mailed on request.

Housing

Apartments in the Georgia State University Village come in four- and six bedroom units, one student per room. For more information call University Housing at 404/651-4082.
I decided to go to Georgia State University College of Law upon the advice of a recent graduate who now works at King & Spalding, a top Atlanta firm. The day she told me about Georgia State, she had just won a motion for summary judgment in the Federal District Court, and she was enthusiastically describing both her arguments before the judge and the law school, which had left such an important impression upon her.

The students here at Georgia State College of Law share an intensity of effort, enthusiasm and thoughtfulness that is superlative. In class, if I closed my eyes and imagined the students speaking were dressed in suits and dresses, it sometimes would be impossible not to hear actual lawyers speaking, staking out their positions and holding their own against their peers and professors. Much of this liveness and excitement that fills the classrooms and corridors is due to the excellent professors at Georgia State, who somehow manage to conduct their courses in a simpatico manner that is also demanding, always challenging us to rise to their level.
Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series

The Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series consists of one fall and one spring lecture per year, supported by the Loridans Foundation. The series is named for Henry J. Miller, a partner in the law firm of Alston & Bird for more than 50 years.

Past speakers include U. S. Supreme Court Justices Anthony M. Kennedy, Sandra Day O'Connor and Antonin Scalia; Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, past president of the American Bar Association; Nadine Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union; Drew S. Days III, former solicitor general of the United States; Professor Ronald Dworkin, New York University and Oxford University; as well as other prominent individuals in the legal profession.

Ben F. Johnson Jr. Public Service Award

The Ben F. Johnson Jr. Public Service Award is presented annually to a Georgia lawyer whose life and career reflect the high tradition of selfless public service that our founding dean, Ben F. Johnson Jr., exemplified during his career. Created as part of the 10th anniversary celebration for the College of Law in 1992, the award is presented in the spring. Past recipients include the Honorable Elbert P. Tuttle, senior judge, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals; Donald Lee Hollowell, Esq.; the Honorable Harold G. Clarke, former chief justice, Georgia Supreme Court; the Honorable Dorothy Toth Beasley, Georgia Court of Appeals; and Randolph Thrower, former United States commissioner of internal revenue.

Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute Visiting Professor

The Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute (SBLI) has endowed funds to support an annual visit by a distinguished bankruptcy professor. The visiting professors participate in classes, meet individually with students writing papers, make presentations to the faculty, bankruptcy bar and judges, and advise faculty members on their current research.

Past visiting professors have included the following: Frank Kennedy, Thomas Cooley Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan; David Gray Carlson at Cardozo; Steve Nickles, the Bess and Walter Williams Distinguished Professor at Wake Forest; Karen Gross at New York Law School; Margaret Howard at Vanderbilt; the late Barry Zaretisky, who taught at Brooklyn Law School; and Charles Tabb at the University of Illinois.

Photo above: Derrick Bell speaks at annual Henry J. Miller Lecture Series.

Photo left (clockwise): Anthony M. Kennedy, Supreme Court Justice; Sandra Day O'Connor, Supreme Court Justice; Hans Dolinar, professor, Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria; and Richard A. Epstein, James Parker Hall Distinguished Professor, University of Chicago.
Janice C. Griffith  
Dean and Professor of Law

A.B., Colby College (1962); J.D., University of Chicago Law School (1965). Attorney, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, New York Regional Office, (1965-68); Associate, Hawkins, Delafield, & Wood, New York, (1968-74); General Counsel and Assistant Administrator, Housing and Development Administration, City of New York, (1974-76); Chief of Fiscal and Securities Division, Office of Corporation Counsel, City of New York, (1976-79); Associate Professor of Law, Quinnipiac College School of Law, (1979-82); Visiting Scholar Yale Law School (1987); Professor of Law, Quinnipiac College School of Law, (1982-1996).

Teaches state and local government.

Steven Kaminshtein  
Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Law

B.A. (with honors), State University of New York, Albany (1973); J.D (with honors), DePaul University (1977); Attorney, National Labor Relations Board (1977-80); Associate, Chaiken and Chaiken, New York (1980-81); Partner, O’Donnell and Schwartz, New York (1981-84).

Teaches labor law, employment discrimination, general employment law and civil procedure.

Robert Shuford  
Associate Dean

A.B., Georgia State University (1967); M.A., Vanderbilt University (1973); Assistant to the Director of Auxiliary Services, Georgia State University; (1971-74); Manager of Business Services, Georgia State University (1974-75); Adjunct Instructor, DeKalb College (1974-78); Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Georgia State University (1975-87); Director of Administration, Georgia State University College of Law (1987-91); and Assistant Dean, Georgia State University College of Law (1991-95).

Responsible for management of administrative services, computer services, college and student organization budgets, faculty support, human resources, space and facilities.
Ronald W. Blasi
Professor of Law and Director, Tax Clinic
B.S., Syracuse University (1968); J.D., St. John's University School of Law (1971); LL.M., New York University Graduate School of Law (1975); A.P.C., Accounting, New York University Graduate School of Business (1980).
Teaches basic tax, business tax, tax clinic and banking law.

James L. Bross
Professor of Law
A.B., Catholic University (1966); J.D., Catholic University (1969); LL.M., University of Pennsylvania (1971).
Teaches property law, land-use law, local government law, legal process, natural resources law, real estate transactions and water rights.

Mark Budnitz
Professor of Law
Teaches commercial law, bankruptcy reorganizations and consumer protection.

George Carey
Professor of Law
B.A., University of Houston (1965); J.D., Catholic University (1969); LL.M., Harvard University (1974).
Teaches basic federal taxation, business taxation, accounting for lawyers, estate and gift taxation, U.S. taxation of international transactions.

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Teaches research, writing and advocacy.

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Teaches contract law, remedies, legislation, legislative drafting and interpretation, and appellate advocacy.

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Teaches civil procedure and evidence.

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Teaches administrative law, criminal law, torts and jurisprudence.
Professor or Law

B.A., Old Dominion University (1967); J.D. (with distinction), Emory University (1975).

Teaches wills, trusts and estates, criminal law and criminal procedure.

B.A. (magna cum laude), Vanderbilt University (1985); J.D. (cum laude), Northwestern University (1988); Order of the Coif.

Teaches environmental law, hazardous waste, natural resources, torts, international environmental law.

B.A. (cum laude), Amherst College; Ph.D., University of Michigan (1988); J.D. (with distinction), Stanford University Law School (1994).

Teaches torts, antitrust, and law and economics.

A.B., Mount Holyoke College (1959); J.L., Harvard Law School (1962).

Teaches bankruptcy, commercial law, contracts and professional responsibility.

Anne S. Emanuel
Professor of Law

William A. Gregory
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B.A. (cum laude), Case Western Reserve University (1965); M.A., University of Michigan (1966); J.D., Harvard University (1969); B.A., Georgia State University (1989).

Teaches agency and partnership, basic business bankruptcy, corporations, corporate finance and securities regulation.

B.A., University of North Florida (1979); J.D., American University Washington College of Law (1982).

Teaches research, writing and advocacy, and sexual identity and the law.

Bernadette Weston Hartfield
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B.A. (magna cum laude), Spelman College (1971); J.D., University of California, Berkeley (1977).

Teaches family law, juvenile law, and law and the elderly.

Lynn T. Hogue
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A.B., William Jewell College (1966); M.A., University of Tennessee (1968); Ph.D., University of Tennessee (1972); J.D., Duke University (1974).

Teaches conflict of laws, constitutional law and national security law.

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B.A., LaFayette College (1964); LL.B., New York University Law
School (1967).
Teaches criminal procedure,
litigation and advanced litigation
seminars.

Marjorie Fine Knowles
Professor of Law
A.B. (with honors), Smith College
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Teaches corporations, corporate
governance, conflict of laws, and
women and the law.

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Teaches antitrust, art and
entertainment law, computers
and the law, copyrights, patents,
torts, trademarks and unfair
competition.

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A.B., University of North
Carolina-Chapel Hill (1965);
J.D., Emory University (1968);
M.S., Georgia State University
Teaches international and com-
parative law, international
business transactions, Georgia
practice and procedure, and civil
procedure.

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Professor of Law
B.A. (with distinction and Phi
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Kansas (1964); Fulbright Scholar
in Juris Prudence, University of
Toulouse, France (1964-65); J.D.,
University of Chicago (1968); M. Comp. L., University of
Teaches administrative, con-
stitutional, international and
comparative law.

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B.S., Western Kentucky Univer-
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Teaches real estate transactions,
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liens.

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Professor of Law
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Teaches contracts, commercial law,
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Teaches corporations, tax,
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Teaches wills, trusts and estates, estate planning, employment discrimination, and women and the law.

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Teaches advanced legal writing, and research, writing and advocacy.

Natsu Taylor Saito  
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Teaches health law, torts and antitrust.

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Teaches constitutional law, federal courts, and First Amendment.

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Teaches civil procedure, evidence, professional responsibility, interviewing, negotiating and counseling.

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Teaches debtors' and creditors' rights, commercial paper, contracts, sales, and security interests and liens.
B. Ellen Taylor  
Associate Professor of Law  
B.Mus., Manhattan School of Music (1974); Paderewski Medal and Scholarship, American Guild of Piano Teachers (1973); graduate studies in ethnomusicology, University of California, Los Angeles (1977-79); XII Annual Institute of Comparative Law, Grenoble, France (1985); J.D. (with distinction), Emory University (1986).

Teaches torts, business and commercial areas.

Jack E. Williams  
Associate Professor of Law  
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Teaches admiralty, bankruptcy, commercial law, tax law, law and technology seminar, law and statistics, and sports law.

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Teaches real property and related courses, jurisprudence discrimination on the basis of handicap, and law and the internet.

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Teaches research, writing and advocacy.

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Teaches alternative dispute resolution and professional responsibility; directs the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution.
Librarians

Nancy P. Johnson
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Professor of Law
B.A., Marycrest College (1971); M.L.S., University of Illinois (1972); J.D., Georgia State University (1986).
Teaches legal bibliography and advanced legal research.

Rhea Ballard-Thrower
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Teaches legal bibliography.

Edna S. Dixon
Catalog Librarian
Catalog librarian and liaison.

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Acquisitions/Serials Librarian
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costs and financial aid

Tuition for Full-time Enrollment
(13-18 credit hours)

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Tuition by Credit Hour
Students taking less than 13 hours are charged per Semester Credit Hour (SCH)

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(All fees are subject to change by the Board of Regents without advance notice.)

Special Fees

Class Deposit
To reserve a place in the incoming class, an accepted applicant must submit a deposit according to the terms set forth in the acceptance letter.

Mandatory Student Fees
In addition to tuition, Georgia State University charges student fees each semester that are used to implement a variety of programs, as follows:

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Summer semester fees are lower, totaling $188.

Financial Aid
In order to apply for financial aid you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA is available in the Office of Student Financial Aid, Room 102, Sparks Hall, or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students should mail a completed FAFSA approximately six to eight weeks prior to the April 1 deadline in order to ensure that their file can be complete by the deadline. A completed file includes acceptance to Georgia State along with any required tax forms and/or financial aid transcripts.

*IF...*
You filed the FAFSA, you will be sent a Renewal Application from the Federal Processor. If you do not receive this Renewal Application by January 10, we suggest that you complete the FAFSA.

You file your FAFSA and complete your financial aid file by the April 1 deadline you will be awarded, if eligible, by the end of Fall Phase II Registration. If you apply late, you should be prepared to pay your tuition and fees in order to hold your registration.

Guest/visiting students should contact their home institution regarding financial aid.

For more information on the types and eligibility requirements of financial aid programs available you may pick up a copy of the Financial Aid Bulletin.
Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards

The College of Law awards a number of scholarships and nonresident fee waivers to students of superior scholarship and good character who are accepted for admission to the first-year class. After the first year, continuation of aid will be contingent on several factors, including, but not limited to, superior achievement in the study of law. All applicants, once accepted, are considered for the various scholarships and waivers. In addition, research assistantships are available to qualified students. Available scholarships are listed below.

Attorney's Title Guaranty Fund

This scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates high academic achievement in all real-estate-related courses, and shows commitment to the highest standards in real estate practice and personal integrity. The application process begins in February.

Atlanta Law School Fellows Program

This scholarship is awarded to first-year students who demonstrate need and high academic achievement. Students are selected by the trustees of the Atlanta Law School Foundation. Applications are mailed to selected admitted applicants with the acceptance letter.

Georgia Civil Justice Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a student enrolled in the College of Law at Georgia State University in good academic standing and showing a propensity toward and skills in trial advocacy. The application process begins in February.

Law School Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates need and merit. For consideration, complete the financial aid packet available in the Office of Student Financial Aid.

David J. Maleski Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to first-year students and is based on merit.

Public Interest Law Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a student in good standing at Georgia State University College of Law who locates a legal job with a nonprofit or appropriate governmental agency in the summer. The Selection Committee of the Georgia State Public Interest Law Student Organization selects these students.

Regents' Opportunity Scholarship

These scholarships are awarded to Georgia residents who demonstrate need. For consideration, please complete the financial aid packet available in the Office of Student Financial Aid. These scholarships are awarded in July.

The Trammell Foundation Outstanding Tax Clinic Student Award

This award is presented each year by the foundation to a student enrolled in the Tax Clinic at the College of Law. The award is presented to the student who provides the best service to the clinic based on interviewing skills, the quality of research and the ability to present a case to the Internal Revenue Service.
I am glad I came to Georgia State University for my legal education. This school focuses on the practical aspect of law as well as its theoretical underpinnings. It is very important for law students to learn the tricks of the trade. Georgia State University gives its students the tools they need to become successful attorneys. There are litigation courses, appellate trial teams, court room trial teams and more that allow students to acquire valuable skills.

Rupal Vaishnav

THIRD-YEAR STUDENT
B.S., Georgia Institute of Technology

The faculty here is great. Professors are available outside of classes for one-on-one discussions. Some are more than just professors, some become mentors and friends. You learn in and out of class. This is one of the most diverse schools I have attended. The school actively makes the first-year class as diverse as possible. This helps one learn from his peers as much as he learns from the professors. The school and the students benefit from this diverse group of students.
The College of Law actively recruits applicants who possess the intellectual capacity, maturity and motivation necessary for the successful completion of the Juris Doctor program.

Admissions Policy

Beginning students are accepted for admission only in the fall semester. To be considered for admission, an applicant must follow the steps in the Application Process section of this publication. A candidate must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university prior to registering for the first semester in the College of Law. Candidates for admission to the program are evaluated on the basis of academic and personal criteria. Students who have been excluded from another law school at which they are ineligible for readmission will not be admitted to the College of Law.

Academic criteria include the candidate's undergraduate work and the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score. Personal criteria include letters of recommendation from professors, employers or colleagues; work experience; graduate work; the candidate's personal statement for admission; and extracurricular activities.

The College of Law has a rolling admissions policy. A faculty admissions committee begins to review files in January and continues to review until the class is full. Applicants are encouraged to apply early and to ensure that all supporting materials are received. A late application file may jeopardize their chances of receiving full consideration.

All applicants must take the LSAT and register for the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS). The admissions committee uses all LSAT scores in reaching a decision. The test and service are administered by the Law School Admission Council, Box 2000, Newtown, PA 18940; 215/968-1001.

Selection Procedures

The College of Law actively seeks to enroll a student body with diversity in educational, cultural and racial backgrounds that will contribute to a rewarding legal education for the entire student body. The median grade-point average for the 1998 entering class was about 3.2, and the median LSAT score was 157. Although the college relies heavily on numeric components in its selection process, the admissions committee considers the content of the baccalaureate degree, letters of recommendation and the applicant's written statement.

Letters of recommendation may offer the committee insight into some special qualities the prospective student might bring to the legal profession that are not reflected in test scores or transcripts. The written statement also gives the college some idea of the applicant's personal and professional goals. This statement offers the opportunity to include specific information that might assist the committee in evaluating the applicant's abilities and chances for successful completion of the J.D. degree.

In addition, school and community activities, employment experiences and advanced study or degrees are considered in the selection process. In reviewing applicant files, the admissions committee takes steps to ensure that its selection procedures and judgments are fair to all applicants and that the students admitted to the college show promise of entering the legal profession with the highest ethical standards. Minorities, women and those who were historically underrepresented in legal education are encouraged to apply. The College of Law is an equal opportunity educational institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, handicap or ethnic origin in its admissions policies.
**Application Process**

**Beginning Students**

Applications for admission to the first-year class will be accepted beginning October 2. Your file must be complete by the March 15 deadline. For international students, the application deadline is February 1. To complete your admissions file, you must comply with the following requirements:

**Self-Managed Application**

The College of Law uses a self-managed application process for admission to the Juris Doctor program. This means that it is your responsibility to prepare all materials other than the LSDAS report and submit them at one time to the Office of Law Admissions. The College of Law prefers that you submit letters directly to our law school, but will accept them through the LSAC letter of recommendation service that is a part of the LSDAS registration subscription.

A self-managed application requires appropriate planning on your part to allow time for you to prepare the application properly and collect all of your materials. However, this process also gives you, the applicant, control over when your application is complete (except for test scores). It eliminates the need for concern over lost or misdirected applications, letters of recommendation and personal statements.

**Supporting Documents**

**Application**

Complete the application form and return it to the College of Law Admissions Office with the nonrefundable $30 application fee in check or money order made payable to Georgia State University. Please print your name and Social Security number on the check.

**Test Requirements (Required)**

Take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The LSAT is administered by the Law School Admission Council four times each year at numerous places throughout the United States as well as in foreign countries. For information and an application form, contact the Law School Admission Council, Box 2000, Newton, PA 18940; 215/968-1001. Accommodated tests are available for applicants with disabilities.

Register with the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) administered by the Law School Admission Council. Transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work must be sent directly to the Law School Admission Council. The LSDAS report includes an analysis of all undergraduate college work, copies of all transcripts and the official LSAT score report. Your LSAT score must not be more than three years old.

**Letters of Recommendation (Required)**

Two letters of recommendation are required. A recommendation form has been enclosed in your application packet. Please photocopy this form. Collect completed forms and letters from your recommenders and submit the letters in an unopened envelopes with the rest of your application packets. Recommenders must sign their names across the sealed portion of the envelopes.

Georgia State University College of Law prefers that you submit letters of recommendation directly to our law school, but will also accept them through the LSAC letter of recommendation service that is a part of the LSDAS subscription.

**Personal Statement (Required)**

Submit a typewritten personal statement in support of your admission. This is your opportunity to add anything you wish to say about yourself, your abilities and your interests.

**Reapplication**

Individuals who have previously applied to the College of Law may reapply. Application files of nonmatriculants are kept on file for two years. The prior applicant need only submit an application for admission with an accompanying $30 application fee and any items missing from the previous year. An LSDAS report for a previous year may be used only if it includes all undergraduate coursework completed by the applicant at the time of reapplication. Otherwise, it is necessary to renew an LSDAS subscription. While the admissions committee will consider previously submitted material, individuals are encouraged to update and strengthen their files.
Personal Interviews

Personal interviews are not a part of the application process. The admissions staff will try to help you with our admission process. You should note, however, that counselors have no authority to make admissions decisions. You should not construe any of their statements as promises or contracts binding the College of Law.

Notification of Acceptance

We will notify you when we receive your application for admission and your $30 fee. It is then your responsibility to keep current on the status of your file.

Whether you are applying for admission as a beginning, transfer or guest student, your application will be carefully considered. You will be notified of your acceptance by letter. Unless you have received a formal letter of acceptance, it is unwise to make any plans contingent on acceptance.

International Applicants

International applicants should understand that special grading standards do not exist in the College of Law. Applicants whose native language is not English are recommended to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language to demonstrate a satisfactory level of proficiency in the use of the English language. For information and appropriate application forms, applicants should contact TOEFL, P.O. Box 899, Princeton, NJ 08541 U.S.A.

International applicants must meet all application requirements, including the achievement of a satisfactory score on the LSAT. International applicants who attended and graduated from a college or university in another country are required to have their credentials evaluated by an independent evaluation service such as World Education Services, P.O. Box 745, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 101130745 U.S.A.

The application deadline for international students is February 1. International applicants will also need to provide documentation of their visa and financial status prior to admission. The College of Law does not have a program that allows international students or lawyers to select courses in the college to meet bar examination or other requirements. There is only one program: the 90-hour program.

Advanced Standing

Transfer

The faculty admissions committee will accept as transfer students outstanding students who have completed the first year of full-time study at another law school accredited by the American Bar Association. A transfer students' academic performance and rank in class at the school previously attended are important factors in the evaluation process. In addition, transfer students must possess credentials comparable to those of the class to which they seek admission.

The prospective transfer student must complete the following items:

- Complete the application form included in this viewbook and return it to the College of Law Admissions Office with the nonrefundable $30 application fee in check or money order made payable to Georgia State University. Please print your name and Social Security number on the check.
- Provide a letter from the dean of the law school you previously attended. This should indicate your class ranking and state that you are in good standing and eligible to return to the law school. The letter must be sent after the conclusion of the academic term immediately preceding the desired semester of enrollment.
- Provide an official transcript of all law school work.
- Provide the LSDAS report on undergraduate and LSAT performance.
- Forward the recommendation forms to two educators and/or employers who know your work well. Submit the forms and letters in an unopened envelope with the rest of your application packet. Recommenders must sign their name across the sealed portion of the envelopes.
- Submit a typewritten personal statement in support of your admission. This is your opportunity to add anything you wish to say about yourself, your ability and your interests.
No credit for advanced standing will be allowed for courses completed at law schools that are not accredited by the American Bar Association. No credit for advanced standing will be allowed for any law school course completed with a grade lower than a C or its equivalent.

Transfer students admitted to the College of Law must meet the following requirements in order to receive the J.D. degree: 1) earn a minimum of 60 semester hours of the 90 hours required to graduate at Georgia State University College of Law; 2) meet the residence requirement of at least four full semesters; and 3) satisfy the degree and residence requirements applicable at the time of admission.

NOTE: Transfer students will have credit applied toward the degree, but grades from another institution will not be used in the calculation of the Georgia State average. Transfers will not be ranked until the completion of their program. In addition, transfer students may be excluded from honor societies because membership is based on class rank.

The deadlines for transfer applications are July 15 for fall semester, December 1 for spring semester and April 15 for summer semester.

Guest Student Status

Third-year law students at ABA-accredited law schools who are in good standing may apply as guest students to earn credit for transfer back to the degree-granting institution. Guest students may attend the College of Law for no more than 32 semester hours not to exceed three semesters (including the summer semester). However, a second-year student may apply as a guest student under special circumstances. Guest students must comply with the same application procedures as transfer students. A guest student’s performance and rank in class at the school previously attended are important factors in the admission process. In addition, guest students must possess credentials comparable to those of the class to which they seek admission.

Although the College of Law permits guest students to enroll for the summer semester, applicants should be aware that many courses are limited enrollment and that Georgia State students have first priority on enrollment.

Since our calendar does not call for an early graduation, we cannot guarantee early grades for guest students in order to meet the graduation deadlines of their home institutions. The deadlines for guest applications are July 15 for fall semester, December 1 for spring semester and April 15 for summer semester.

Special Student Status

Graduate students who wish to take an advanced course in the College of Law in support of their academic program in another college at Georgia State University, and graduate students at other accredited institutions or those equivalent to the same at foreign institutions, may apply for admission as special students. Any such students subsequently admitted to the College of Law as students in a law degree program may not count toward that degree any credits earned while in special student status.

Special students must complete the following items:

- Complete the application form and return it to the College of Law Admission Office with the nonrefundable $30 application fee in cash or money order made payable to Georgia State University. Please print your name and Social Security number on the check.
- Provide a letter from the dean of your college stating that you are currently in good standing and eligible to return to the graduate program. The dean must authorize such attendance and agree to accept the transfer credit from the Georgia State University College of Law.
- Supply an official transcript of your graduate work.

The deadlines for special applicants are July 15 for fall semester, December 1 for spring semester and April 15 for summer.

An attorney admitted to the bar of Georgia or another state may apply for admission as special students but, in that capacity, may only audit a course at the college with the permission of the dean and the instructor of that course. Attorneys subsequently admitted to the college as students in a law degree program may not count toward the degree any course credit equivalents attributed to them while in special student status. Attorneys, please call the College of Law Academic Services Office at 404/651-2048.

Admission to the Bar

Receipt of a law degree does not entitle a student to be admitted to the bar. Each state has its own bar registration and admission rules. A number of states require that a student register with the state’s board of bar examiners at the beginning of law study in order to be eligible to take the bar examination. Some states prohibit the practice of law by persons who have been convicted of certain criminal offenses. Most states will not admit a person to the bar who has committed a crime of moral turpitude.

The College of Law will attempt to provide students with the information necessary for bar registration. However, the final responsibility rests with the student to ensure that all requirements are met.
BEGINNINGTERM: _______________  SEMESTER YEAR 19

☐ First-Year student (fall only)  ☐ Guest student  ☐ Transfer student  ☐ Special student

PROGRAM (number in order of preference):

☐ Full time, six semester  ☐ Part time, nine semester
☐ Day only  ☐ Day only
☐ Day/Evening  ☐ Day/Evening
☐ Evening only

Date(s) Law School Admission Test taken ____________________________

STUDENT INFORMATION (Please type or print clearly in ink.)

1. Social Security No. ____________________________

2. Name ____________________________
   LAST   FIRST   MIDDLE   PREVIOUS / MAIDEN

3. Present/School address __________________________________________
   City/State/ZIP ____________________________
   School address good until ____________________________

4. Permanent address __________________________________________
   City/State/ZIP ____________________________
   E-mail address __________________________________________

5. Telephone numbers __________________________________________
   Home __________________________________________
   Business __________________________________________

6. Birthplace __________________________________________

7. Birthdate __________________________________________

8. Gender*  ☐ Female  ☐ Male

9. Ethnic group (optional)*
   ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native  ☐ Hispanic
   ☐ Asian/Pacific Island  ☐ White (not of Hispanic origin)
   ☐ Black (not of Hispanic origin)  ☐ Multiracial

* Georgia State is required to report data on ethnic groups and gender to certain federal and state agencies, as those data relate to civil rights compliance. The provision of this information by applicants is not mandatory.

RESIDENCY

10. Are you a legal resident of Georgia?
    ☐ Yes  ☐ No
    If yes, give county of legal residence __________________________________________

11. How long have you continuously resided in Georgia?
    Years ____________________________  Months ____________________________
    From ____________________________ To ____________________________

PLEASE MAIL APPLICATION TO:
Georgia State University
College of Law
P.O. Box 4049
Atlanta, GA 30302-4049

PLEASE REMEMBER TO:
- Attach $30 application fee
- Sign application
- Include personal statement
- Collect letters of recommendation
- Take LSAT and register for the LSDAS

FOR INFORMATION:
404/681-2048
http://law.gsu.edu/
12. Do you have the following items?

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13. Were you counted as a tax dependent by parents (guardians) in the past year?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, complete the following:

- Name of parent (guardian)
- State of legal residence
- Employer
- Location
- Length of residency
- Length of employment

14. Are you a veteran?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Home of record while in military service

Service dates

To which state were earnings reported?

15. Are you a U.S. citizen?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

16. If you are not a U.S. citizen, indicate the country of citizenship

Visa type

- [ ] Requested
- [ ] Currently held

17. If you are a permanent resident alien, provide your alien number

Date issued

(Attach copy of I-551 or permanent resident card.)

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

18. Have you ever attended any law school?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If your answer is yes, explain why you did not complete the program. Also have a transcript of your grades sent to Georgia State University College of Law along with a letter of good standing.

19. List in chronological order all colleges and universities you have attended. All law schools you have attended must be listed. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

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20. Have you previously applied for admission to Georgia State University College of Law?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, when?

What was the final status of application?

21. Have you previously applied for other admission to Georgia State University?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, when?

What was the final status of application?

22. Are you currently enrolled in a postsecondary institution?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, what will be your last term?

Name of institution

23. Has your college, university, graduate or professional school course of study been interrupted for one or more terms for any reason?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.
24. Provide a description of all positions held and duties performed. Use a separate sheet only if necessary.

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**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

25. Attach a list of all scholastic honors you have received (prizes, awards, scholarships, memberships in honor societies, etc.)

26. If you wish, attach a list of no more than three extracurricular or community activities that have been important to you. Describe each activity and your contribution to that activity.

27. Are you aware of any circumstances in your background that would or might prohibit you from admission into the practice of law?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

28. Have you ever been convicted of any criminal charges (felony or misdemeanor) or entered a plea of *nolo contendere* to a criminal charge, or are any criminal charges pending against you? Exclude only minor traffic offenses, e.g., parking violations. Convictions or pending charges for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs are not minor traffic offenses for the purpose of this question.

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

For item 28, if you checked the box no, write in your handwriting the words, "I have never been convicted of any criminal charges, including DUI."

Please write in this box.

29. Have you ever been expelled, suspended, or placed on academic probation or discipline by any school, college, trade or professional organization for academic reasons or judicial conduct code violation?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If the answer to questions 27-29 is yes, attach a statement of details and explanations.

I certify that the information provided on this application is true, to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that any omission or misrepresentation of facts or failure to furnish information will automatically invalidate consideration of this application and/or acceptance to Georgia State University. Applicants admitted based on applications containing misrepresentations may be disciplined under the Honor Code of the College of Law. I agree to obtain a copy of the Honor Code and abide by the rules and regulations.

Signature of Applicant: __________________________
Date: ____________

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EDUCATOR/EMPLOYER RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT FOR ADMISSION

Name of applicant ____________________________
Social Security No. ____________________________
Undergraduate college __________________________

APPLICANT'S WAIVER OF RIGHT OF ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT

I hereby freely and voluntarily waive my right to any information contained in this recommendation form and agree that the statement attached to this form shall remain confidential.

__________________________  ____________________________
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE  DATE

THE RECOMMENDATION (Attach statement of recommendation.)

This recommendation relates to the applicant's scholastic ability, work habits, initiative, dependability, thoroughness, persistence and similar characteristics. It is important that the recommendation be candid and as specific as possible. Brief letters in general terms are of little value. The letter should state the extent of your acquaintance with the applicant and your evaluation of him or her should be with respect to the applicant's ability and work characteristics in law study. Any specific knowledge favorable or adverse will be appreciated.

Because of federal legislation giving students access to educational records, the College of Law cannot guarantee the confidentiality of your statement unless the applicant has signed the waiver printed above.

Please complete the information below and return this form attached to your letter of recommendation to the applicant. No action can be taken on this student's application for admission until this form is returned to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature on the seal.

Name of recommender ____________________________
Title ____________________________
Institution ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City/State/ZIP ____________________________

__________________________  ____________________________
SIGNATURE  DATE

APPLICANTS: PLEASE PHOTOCOPY

Your application requires two recommendations. Please photocopy this form.
FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

College of Law General Information 404/651-2048

Admission 404/651-2048
Career Planning and Placement 404/651-2062
Disability Services 404/651-1487
Financial Aid 404/651-2227
International Student Services 404/463-9073
Immunization Office 404/651-1171
Law Library 404/651-2479
Parking Information 404/651-2150
Residency Questions 404/651-2365
Student Bar Association 404/651-2060
University Information 404/651-2000

For information on the Law School Admissions Test,
call Law Services at 215/968-1001.

Please visit our Web site:
http://law.gsu.edu/