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**FEDERAL AND STATE LAW DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Federal and state laws require all colleges and universities receiving federal funds to establish certain programs, policies and procedures, and to distribute an annual report describing them and providing statistics regarding: graduation rates, drug, alcohol and weapon violations; and certain crimes on campus, which include murder, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft and sex offenses. Georgia State University's annual report information regarding these programs, policies, procedures and statistics are available upon written request directed to the Georgia State University Department of University Relations, Suite 503, University Plaza, Atlanta GA 30303-3083.
Message from the Dean

What an important time to attend law school and prepare to enter the legal profession. Today more than ever the legal profession is at the center of the most critical challenges of our time, among them the tension between national security and individual liberties, the changes wrought by technological and scientific advances, the challenge of managing urban growth, the effect of globalization, and a renewed focus on ethics and what it means to a member of a profession.

Georgia State University College of Law, located in the heart of one of the country's fastest-growing regions, offers a dynamic environment for studying law and preparing to enter the legal profession. From your first day of classes you will benefit from a cutting-edge academic program, unmatched instruction, and the opportunity to enroll on a full- or part-time basis. You also will have Atlanta, our living laboratory: a capital city, an international city, the leading urban center in the southeast, and the regional headquarters of every federal and state agency as well key corporations and nonprofit institutions.

We use this laboratory, this opportunity for applied learning, to our students' fullest advantage, and we take great pride in the ways we have integrated the teaching of substantive law with the mastery of practical legal skills. In the pages to follow, take note of our joint degree programs: our nationally acclaimed live-client Law Clinic; our externship placements with prosecutors, public defenders, courts, leading agencies, and the state legislature; our Centers in State Law, Legislation and Policy, Health Law and Policy and in the Study of Metropolitan Growth; our study-abroad programs in central Europe and Brazil; our statewide consortium in negotiation and dispute resolution; our nationally recognized mock trial program; our 29 student organizations; and our Law Review.

Above all, a top-quality legal education requires a talented and accessible faculty and a diverse and motivated student body. You will find at Georgia State an energetic faculty of thoughtful scholars and renowned teachers who are active in the academy, the bar and the wider community, and who bring an incredible range of talents and practical experiences to the classroom. Our students, who are our greatest ambassadors, come from many different backgrounds and bring a rich variety of life and work experiences to our institution. Their divergent viewpoints add excitement, breadth and meaning to their studies and enrich the quality of our classes.

Please visit our campus, talk with our students and faculty, and sit in on classes. I am confident that you will find our community welcoming and our intellectual energy contagious. I wish you the best in the months ahead.
A Quality Legal Education
Outstanding Resources
Convenient Location
Scheduling Flexibility
Distinguished Faculty
Career Opportunities
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. Our Externship Program places students in practice settings where they 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 evening. Full-time faculty teach in both programs equally, and part-time students have access to all programs and resources available to full-time students.

OPPORTUNITY

Thoughtful scholars and enthusiastic teachers, the faculty bring a broad range of talents and practical experience to classroom instruction. Our highly favorable faculty-to-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:

- explore interdisciplinary opportunities through our joint-degree programs in law and public administration, law and business administration, law and philosophy, law and city and regional planning or law and health 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 agencies, federal courts or 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 clients in the Tax Clinic and HELP Clinic
- take advantage of the ongoing training in state-of-the-art technology courses offered to all segments of the College of Law community
- study abroad through our summer programs in Europe and Brazil
- 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 will also benefit from the diversity of our students, organizations, guest speaker programs, moot court and mock trial competitions and pro bono service activities. Studying and interacting with a dynamic population of 650 diverse students will add excitement, breadth and meaning to your education, and participating in a
variety of student activities 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 the College of Law would be complete without comment about our locale: the growing metropolis of Atlanta, the financial, business and governmental center of the Southeast. The city's "can do" attitude has attracted 730 Fortune 1,000 companies and more than 1,300 international owned firms. More Fortune 500 companies have their headquarters in Atlanta than in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Dallas or Boston. Hartfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, remains one of the globe's busiest travel hubs, and the metro area is a job-generating powerhouse.

The birthplace of Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement, Atlanta has a reputation as "the city too busy to hate." It is the Southeast's regional capital with a growing international population of more than 4 million people living in a scenic setting known for its dogwoods, azaleas and evergreens.

Georgia State is downtown, only blocks away from the region's cultural, business, communication and governmental centers. We're a stop on the city's rapid-rail line and an exit on the freeway interchange. 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

An integral part of Atlanta and a rapidly growing research center, Georgia State University is a leader in such fields as business, education and urban affairs. The university comprises six colleges - Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Law and the School of Policy Studies. The second largest of Georgia's accredited institutions of higher education, Georgia State enrolls about 27,000 students each fall. More than 900 full-time faculty members teach courses leading to about 52 degrees in more than 250 diverse fields of study.
My favorite experience at law school was working in the Tax Clinic.

"My experiences at the tax clinic gave me many valuable opportunities to help taxpayers resolve their conflicts with the Internal Revenue Service. Interacting with clients directly, listening to their concerns and offering them a voice of encouragement was a privilege and an incredible learning experience. The lawyer skills training I received while working at the clinic will help me in the years ahead as I pursue my legal career. The Tax Clinic taught me that one of the most basic values of the legal profession is to help people."

— Nathan Woody '05
EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Externship Program seeks to prepare students for the professional, emotional and ethical demands of the legal profession. Through work with 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, health law, immigration law and securities regulation law. The experience trains externs in lawyering skills, exposes them to law practice and helps instill in them a sense of professional responsibility for their community.

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. An academic component offered at the College of Law supplements this field experience.

Additional information about the Externship Program can be obtained from the Lawyer Skills Development Externship Office at 404/651-2137 or on the Web at http://law.gsu.edu/externships/.

JOINT-DEGREE PROGRAMS

The College of Law collaborates with three Georgia State University units - the J. Mack Robinson College of Business, the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and the Department of Philosophy in the College of Arts and Sciences and with the Georgia Institute of Technology College of Architecture - to offer joint-degree programs. These six programs enable a student 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 the College of Law and the other appropriate college or school. Interested applicants should contact the appropriate college/school for application procedures.

CONSORTIUM ON NEGOTIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (CNCR) is an inter-institutional, multidisciplinary program for the development of theory and practice in conflict management and resolution. Housed in the College of Law, CNCR conducts research, organizes conferences and symposiums, supports curriculum development and provides conflict-resolution training and consultation within the University System of Georgia and in community and private-sector settings. Each semester, CNCR employs law students as graduate research assistants to support consortium staff and faculty.
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The College of Law offers several established international programs. They include two for American law students to study abroad, another for law students of former communist countries to participate in a one-semester certificate program at the college, and opportunities to study with foreign professors who come to Georgia State to teach short courses.

Each summer, the College of Law sponsors the Summer Academy in International Commercial Arbitration, a study abroad program that affords our students and those of other U.S. law schools an opportunity for professional training and skills development in international commercial arbitration. This program, cosponsored by the University of Warsaw-Poland and Georgia State University, is conducted in Europe and includes visits to arbitral institutions in Vienna, Budapest, Prague and Venice.

The College of Law also sponsors an intensive, 32-day interdisciplinary course in Rio de Janeiro Brazil entitled "The Urban Environment: Law, Policy and Culture -- The Rio Experience." This program allows law students to work together with students in public health, medical anthropology and other disciplines in a course that compares the urban growth issues faced by one of Latin America's largest cities to those they know in the United States.

Another program, called the International Connection, is a cooperative effort of the College of Law and members of the Atlanta legal and business communities to enable individual law students from former communist countries to attend the college for one semester on funded fellowships. Past fellows include students from Bulgaria, Croatia and the Republic of Georgia.

Finally, the College's Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth each year invites scholars from around the world who specialize in land use and environmental law to come to teach Georgia State students about their areas of specialization.

TRIAL ADVOCACY

The College of Law offers students an extensive variety of opportunities in the area of trial advocacy. Our Litigation Workshop, offered each spring semester, offers second-year students an intensive skills training experience in which they conduct drafting and simulation exercises on all phases of the pre-trial and trial process, including a full jury trial. The college also offers several advanced litigation courses in which students can further enhance their advocacy skills in civil and criminal areas.

Outside the formal classroom, the college boasts a nationally renowned student mock trial program in which our students compete annually in numerous mock trial competitions held at locations throughout the country. Our student teams have amassed an impressive record of success at the national, regional and state levels. Since 1997 alone, Georgia State has won four national championships, competed in five national finals and won eight regional championships and several state championships.

MOOT COURT

In addition to its recognized program in trial advocacy, the College of Law offers students an outstanding program within which to develop their skills in appellate advocacy. Under the auspices of the college's moot court program, students compete annually in the most challenging and prestigious moot court competitions in the country, including the National Moot Court Competition sponsored by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the National Appellate Advocacy Competition sponsored by the ABA, and numerous competitions that focus on a specialized area of the law. Georgia State teams have repeatedly distinguished themselves in these competitions at both the national and regional level, having garnered numerous championships, second and third place finishes, as well as awards for best brief and best oralist.

LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND ADVOCACY IN HEALTH LAW

Students at Georgia State University observe firsthand how state statutory law is created. Focusing on health related issues, Georgia legislators who chair important General Assembly committees select timely health-related topics for law students to research. Upon completion of the research, students in the program write a significant legal analysis for legislators to use in the upcoming legislative session. During the spring semester, students observe the legislative process, assist legislators and watch how the topics they analyzed emerge into law.
THE CENTER FOR LAW, HEALTH AND SOCIETY

The Center for Law, Health & Society advances the key role that law plays in promoting society’s health. The center boasts the most extensive health law curriculum in Georgia. It is the state’s only health law center and is one of only a handful of health law centers nationally whose nonpartisan mission is distinctly inter-professional and inter-collegiate. In response to the growing need for collaborative approaches to society’s health concerns, the center’s educational programming includes interdisciplinary curriculum, conferences, research, and community service projects. The center has attracted outstanding interdisciplinary partners and opportunities within Atlanta’s academic, legal, and health care communities.

Students have the opportunity to take many core health law courses as well as a wide variety of health-related electives and to participate in health law externships with government and community partners. The center coordinates both student and graduate networks in health law and the only joint degree program in Georgia in law and health administration.

THE CENTER FOR THE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF METROPOLITAN GROWTH

The Center for the Comparative study of Metropolitan Growth produces research, teaching and academic exchange on issues relating to metropolitan growth. The need to find more effective institutional and legal mechanisms to manage growth provided the impetus for its creation. The center’s focus is comparative in that its work examines the legal, regulatory, policy, planning, financial, social and political challenges facing Atlanta and other metropolitan areas as they confront the issues that urban and regional growth impose on the historic built and natural environment. Although housed in the College of Law, the center’s mission is broadly inter-disciplinary. As a result, its programs provide an opportunity for law students and faculty to interact with students and faculty working on issues of mutual interest in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Robinson College of Business, the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, and the Institute of Public Health.

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” which provides the legal community with an in-depth view of the Georgia General Assembly’s activities and the legislative history of significant bills. Law Review participation provides an intensive educational experience beyond the basic law 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.

HEALTH LAW PARTNERSHIP (HeLP) CLINIC

The Center for Law, Health & Society at the College of Law offers a community service clinic that provides students with opportunities to work on cases related to children’s health and welfare. The Health Law Partnership (HeLP), an innovative community service partnership between the Center, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta and the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, operates the clinic. With an initial enrollment of law students, there are plans for the HeLP Clinic to incorporate other graduate students in medicine, social work, nursing and public health to work in collaborative teams in the future. HeLP also provides legal services clinics at Children’s two Atlanta hospitals where low-income children and their families are eligible for these services aimed at eliminating socioeconomic barriers to optimum health.

THE TAX CLINIC

The Tax Clinic provides students with the opportunity to practice law while still in law school. Students who take the clinic course represent low-income individuals before the U.S. Tax Court and the I.R.S. 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 work after graduation. Work in the clinic teaches students case management, evidence gathering, document preparation, interviewing, counseling and effective negotiation. Although the clinic focuses on tax disputes, the skills learned and practiced in the clinic are equally applicable to all other areas of law. Students manage their own caseloads, which consist of eight to 12 cases, but their activities are closely supervised by the clinic director, who is a full-time faculty member, and by a supervising attorney.
My law student experience at Georgia State was phenomenal for many reasons, but it's the technology that stands out. As you can imagine, I spent most of my time studying in the library where I was able to access the Internet at any time from any study room or cubicle. In the computer lab, the assistance I received from the technology and research staff helped out when I needed it most. I took the majority of my exams on my laptop, and I even took a class over the Internet. How appropriate that the class focused on legal issues concerning advances in technology. I earned a J.D., but I really got an e-J.D. 

— Bryce Durham

'05
The College of Law Library is designed and equipped to meet the demanding research needs of today's students, faculty, staff and legal community. With a collection of more than 145,000 hard-copy volumes and more than 180,000 microform-equivalent volumes, the library provides research materials on American, British, Canadian and international law. It also offers primary and secondary sources needed for legal research, including 2,500 serial subscriptions, a large treatise collection, federal documents and a considerable legal audio and video collection.

The college's online catalog, GIL, accesses both college holdings and materials in other libraries throughout Georgia. You can visit the catalog Web site at http://law.gsu.edu/colawlibrary/. Our library users also have access to GALILEO (Georgia Library Learning Online) and to several electronic subscriptions.
In response to the importance of technology in law practice, students learn to access a variety of electronic information sources. In the college’s computer lab, students can access word-processing software, legal research databases, computer-assisted instructional exercises, electronic mail, course-related discussion groups and the Internet. Network connections at carrels give students access to the network from their laptop computers. Our professional librarians provide hands-on instruction electronic and print legal research through the college’s required research courses.

**COMPUTING AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

According to The National Jurist magazine, the College of Law at Georgia State University is ranked 11th out of the top 25 most-wired law schools in the nation. The college of law has embarked on an ambitious plan to integrate technology into the teaching and learning of law. This mission is reflected in the college’s services, its facilities and its courses, as well as in some student organizations.

**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. Students are assigned network space, web space, and an e-mail account and receive e-mail 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).

**Facilities**

Students can find a host of software applications in the law library computer lab, which is staffed by computer consultants. In the computer training room, the college dedicates state-of-the-art equipment exclusively for training purposes. The majority of the classrooms are fully integrated with technology, including Internet access, multimedia presentation software, and projection systems. The college provides both wired and wireless network connectivity throughout the law school for students who are using laptops, PDAs and other computing devices. The coverage extends into classrooms, common areas and the law library.

**Courses**

The course Law and the Internet is taught each year as a virtual class, and work from the class is published online. The college also offers Computer Law; Computers and the Law Seminar; Copyrights; Patents; Trademarks; Law, Science and Technology; and the Law of E-Commerce — all courses which touch upon issues relating to the Internet and technology. Online resources, including an assignments bulletin board and a conference center, are maintained on our Web server. Many faculty create course Web pages where students can access course materials via the E-Reserve system and participate in e-mail discussion groups and course web forums.

**Student Organizations**

The Computers and the Law Society and the Intellectual Property Society sponsor speakers and programs discussing the use of technology in legal practice. The events provide valuable contacts for students who are interested in careers in technology.
After 15 years of working in the affordable housing area, I reached the point where I needed serious academic credentials to continue pursuing my goals. Georgia State offered me opportunities that would be hard to duplicate anywhere else. Evening classes allowed me to continue my full-time job. I find that I am more competent at my job because of what I learned in class. I hope to establish a specialized practice of real estate law assisting lenders, developers, builders, and purchasers of tax credit, bond financed, and other special case properties. For me, the study of law wasn’t just preparation for a new career — the critical writing and thinking skills pay off every day.
As a student approaching 50, expanding my career through a legal education was very important to me, but I had to balance it with other demands on my time. The College of Law's varied curriculum, flexible scheduling and exceptional faculty helped me succeed. The breadth of the curriculum provided opportunities to learn the basics of the legal profession and enhance my career. A well-structured part-time program offered me the same class choices as the full-time program. The faculty brought a wealth of knowledge to each class that helped me truly understand the subjects. The faculty and the dean demonstrated their respect for students by consistently including us in discussions. My experience motivated me to learn more, achieve greater things and become an alumna who can represent Georgia State well as I pursue life beyond law school.

— Patti Pearlberg
MEETING TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES

The College of Law provides a traditional yet innovative curriculum. We offer 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 Intellectual Property and Computers and the Law courses, 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 successful 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 offers the opportunity for interdisciplinary study leading to a joint degree with either the J. Mack Robinson College of Business, the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, the Department of Philosophy in the College of Arts and Sciences or the College of Architecture at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Our live-client Tax Clinic allows students to assist low-income citizens in resolving tax problems with the Internal Revenue Service. And the Externship Program provides students with numerous other opportunities to serve the public through extensive externship placements.

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME PROGRAMS

The College offers students the opportunity to study law on a full- or part-time basis. Full-time faculty teach in both programs equally, and the curriculum is enriched by adjunct faculty who share their expertise 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 9 to 10, rather than 15, credit hours. Part-time students can earn a 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 the college community. Though part-time students take most of their courses in the evening, they have full opportunity to participate in moot court, Law Review and trial litigation programs, as well as beneficial student-life activities.
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Course particulars are listed in the College of Law Bulletin and the Schedule of Classes Bulletin. Day classes are scheduled from 9 a.m. through the afternoon. Typically, evening classes are scheduled from 6 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Local Government Law |
Natural Resources Law |
Real Estate Transactions |
Urban Issues in Environmental Law Seminar |
Water Rights |

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

Government and Regulatory Affairs |
Administrative Law |
Administrative Law Seminar |
Admiralty |
Advanced Local Government Law |
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 |

Health Law |
Bioethics and the Law |
Biotechnology Law, Policy & Ethics |
Disability Discrimination |
Food and Drug Law |
Health Law: Liability |
Health Law: Regulation |
Health Legislation and Advocacy |
HELP Clinic |
Insurance Law |
Law and Psychiatry |
Public Health Law |
Patent Law |
Seminar in Health Law |
Urban Environmental Law Seminar |
Worker's Compensation |

Intellectual Property, Technology and Media Arts and Entertainment Law |
Advanced Patent Law |
Art and Entertainment Law |
Computer Law |
Computers and the Law (Survey) |
Copyrights |
First Amendment |
Intellectual Property (Survey) |
Law and the Internet |
Law of E-commerce |
Law, Science and Technology |
Media Law |
Patents |
Sports Law |
Telecommunications Law |
Trademarks and Unfair Competition |

Jurisprudence/Interdisciplinary Law |
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Jurisprudence |
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Legal History |
Seminar in Philosophy of Law |

Labor/Employment Law |
Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap |
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Law and the Family |
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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 |
**Legal Practice/ Lawyer Skills Development**
- Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Advanced Criminal Litigation
- Advanced Evidence
- Advanced Issues in Pre-Trial Litigation
- Advanced Legal Research
- Advanced Legal Writing
- Advanced Seminar in Georgia Practice and Procedure
- Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution
- Appellate Advocacy
- Conflict of Laws
- Criminal Justice Fieldwork and Law Reform
- 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

**Taxation**
- Advanced Income Tax
- Advanced Income Taxation
- Basic Federal Taxation
- Business Planning
- Business Taxation
- Corporate Taxation
- Estate and Gift Taxation
- Estate Planning Seminar
- Multistate Taxation
- Partnership Taxation
- State and Local Taxation
- Tax Clinic
- Tax Procedure and Tax Fraud

**Wills, Trusts and Estates**
- Estate and Gift Taxation
- Estate Planning Seminar
- Fiduciary Administration
- Future Interests
- Wills, Trusts and Estates I

**JOINT-DEGREE PROGRAMS**
- Law and Business Administration
- Law and Public Administration
- Law and Philosophy
- Law and City and Regional Planning
- Law and Science in Health Administration
- Law and Business Administration / Health Administration

**Administrative Law**
- Georgia Secretary of State

**Alternative Dispute Resolution**
- Mediation - Fulton State Court

**Bankruptcy Law**
- Securities & Exchange Commission - Bankruptcy Division United States Trustee

**Criminal Defense and Prosecution**
- Dekalb County District Attorney
- Dekalb County Solicitor
- Federal Defender Program, Inc.
- Fulton County Solicitor
- Georgia Innocence Project
- Georgia Justice Project, Inc.
- Gwinnett County Solicitor
- Rockdale County District Attorney
- Rockdale Public Defender
- U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Georgia

**Civil Litigation Law**
- Georgia Department of Law
- U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Georgia

**Civil Rights**
- Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund Inc.

**Consumer Law**
- The Federal Trade Commission

**Disability Law**
- Georgia Advocacy Office

**Domestic Violence Advocacy**
- Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation

**Environmental Law**
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Georgia Center for Law in the Public Interest
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources

**Health Law**
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (DHHS)
- Georgia Dept. of Community Health
- Georgia Hospital Association
- United States DHHR Office of the General Counsel

**Health and Child Advocacy Law**
- HelP - The Health Law Partnership

**Immigration Law**
- Dept. of Homeland Security

**In-House Counsel**
- Federal Reserve Bank

**International Law**
- The Carter Center

**Judicial Clerkships**
- Judge A. Harris Adams, State Court of Appeals
- Judge Jack A. Hunt, U.S. District Court of the Middle District of Georgia
- Judge Alfred P. Pompey, Jr., Fulton County Superior Court
- Judge Joel T. Gogel, Fulton County Superior Court
- Judge Willis R. Hunt, Jr., U.S. District Court
- Judge Helen Cummings Moore, Fulton County Superior Court
- Judge Perry Brown Reynolds, State Court of Fulton County
- Judge Marvin Shoob, U.S. District Court
- Judge Wendy J. Shoob, Fulton County Superior Court
- Judge Richard W. Story, U.S. District Court
- Justice Robert Benham, Georgia Supreme Court
- Justice F. Harris Hines, Georgia Supreme Court
- Justice Carol W. Hunstein, Georgia Supreme Court
- Justice Leah Sears, Georgia Supreme Court
- Justice Hugh F. Thompson, Georgia Supreme Court

**Juvenile Law**
- Southern Juvenile Defender Center

**Labor Law**
- National Labor Relations Board

**Legal Aid Law**
- Atlanta Legal Aid, Senior Citizens Project

**Legislation Law**
- Georgia Council on Aging

**Post Conviction & Civil Rights**
- Southern Center for Human Rights

**Securities Regulation Law**
- U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission

**Tax Law**
- IRS, Individual Tax
- State Department of Revenue

**Technology Law**
- Georgia Technology Authority

**Urban Planning**
- City of Atlanta
When I arrived at orientation my first year at Georgia State's College of Law, I didn't have many expectations beyond the classroom. Since then, I had an extremely rewarding and well-rounded experience, beginning with my involvement through student organizations. The study abroad program was also a great experience. I enjoyed it so much; I wished I could repeat the program. Then there's the Atlanta location with unlimited career opportunities. It's the ideal environment for students to network with each other and members of the legal community. I was able to meet and work with extraordinary people in this diverse campus community who have made a positive influence on my professional career.

" — Scott Barber '05
CAREER SERVICES

The Office of Career Services assists students and alumni in identifying, establishing and achieving their career goals. To accomplish this mission, the office serves as a bridge between students and employers, helping both to find the best fit possible. Career Services provides support through individual career counseling, résumé critique and career-development programs designed to ensure that students are prepared candidates for the legal job market. The office maintains a library of career resource materials and sponsors a variety of forums, seminars, workshops and panel discussions on career topics.

Through the formal fall and spring recruitment programs, both on and off the campus, Career Services enables students to interview with law firms, businesses, judges, government agencies and public-interest organizations. Students are also afforded opportunities to participate in over 15 national, regional and local job fairs, such as the National Patent Law Interview Program, the Southeastern Region Minority Job Fair and the Georgia Public Interest/Public Service Career Fair. Job listings include 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.
Career development programs offered for students include the Mentor Program, which connects students with attorneys in various legal-practice areas, and the Shadow Program, which enables a student to shadow an alumnus in law or a law-related position for one week in the work environment. The Mock Interview Program helps students hone their presentation skills prior to engaging in actual interviews, and the Legal Connections Program exposes students to a variety of legal-practice disciplines and provides opportunities to network and build relationships within the legal community.

Panel discussions sponsored by Career Services cover a broad range of topics, such as judicial clerkships, development and management of a solo practice, a day-in-the-life look at private practice attorneys, public service practice, women in law, career alternatives, diversity in the profession and bar exam review. Workshops focus on such skills as strategies and techniques for job searches, writing resumes and cover letters, performing online job searches and preparing for on- and off-campus recruitment.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The College of Law regards student organizations as an important part of a legal education experience and encourages participation in our wide variety of organizations, some traditionally found in law schools, some less common. The college recognizes 29 organizations, most of which are affiliated with national professional associations. We are proud of the accomplishments of these groups. Student organizations include:

- Student Bar Association
- American Constitution Society
- Asian-American Law Students Association
- Association of Women Law Students
- Black Law Students Association
- Child Advocacy Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Employment Labor Law Association
- Environmental Law Society
- Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies
- First Amendment Law Association
- Hispanic Students Bar Association
- Immigration Law Society
- Intellectual Property Law Society
- International and Comparative Law Society
- James Oglethorpe Legal Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Law Review
- Moot Court Board
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- National Lawyers Guild
- Outlaw
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
- Public Interest Law Association
- Real Estate Law Association
- Securities Law Society
- Sports and Entertainment Law Association
- Student Health Lawyers Association
- Student Trial Lawyers Association
- Technology and Law Society
ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Law students can obtain academic assistance in a variety of forms both before matriculation and during the first year of study. The College of Law offers a three-week Summer Skills Program to approximately 20 first-year students. Full-time faculty members provide participants with an intensive introduction to legal reasoning, analysis and writing.

During the first year of study, the college offers the Academic Enrichment Program, which consists of tutorials in selected first-year courses. In addition, general workshops on writing exams, taking notes and outlining are conducted. Tutorials, which are led by outstanding second- and third-year students under the supervision of faculty members, are open to all students, but selected students are strongly encouraged to attend.

DISABILITY SERVICES

The University’s Office of Disability Services (ODS) provides persons with disabilities the equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from the programs and services through Georgia State University. The mission is accomplished primarily through the provision of academic accommodations. Accommodations are individualized and flexible, based on the individual’s documented limitations. To receive accommodations, individuals must register with ODS. Students with special needs should register with Disability Services at the beginning of their first semester. The office is located in suite 230 of the new Student Center. Individuals wishing to make appointments need to call 404/463-9044.

HOUSING

University Housing offers accommodations for single students and students with families in the University Lofts. The Lofts is primarily an undergraduate facility but does offer spaces to graduate students. This residential hall houses approximately 450 residents and is conveniently located adjacent to campus less than two blocks from the College of Law. The University Lofts, which opened in August 2002, is home to the Undergraduate Scholars Program, athletes, undergraduate students 21 and older, graduate students, international students, and students with families. The Lofts are fully furnished loft style apartments. There are studios, one, two and four bedroom apartments. The apartments include living areas, private bedrooms, a full bath for every two residents, and a full kitchen with a refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, oven and garbage disposal. Safe and convenient access is provided through a 24-hour card key access system for building access. These facilities meet all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Semester rates start at $3190 and vary based on the type of unit. The housing costs for the Lofts include rent, furniture, utilities, local telephone service in the apartment, basic cable television and Internet connection. Parking, managed by Auxiliary Services, is also available at an additional monthly cost. Enjoy the advantage of on-campus living with other students pursuing their education at Georgia State. For more information, contact University Housing in person at 250 Student Center, by phone at 404-463-9052, by email at housing@gsu.edu or by visiting the housing Web site at www.gsu.edu/housing.
"I served as a past president of the Public Interest Law Association (P.I.L.A.), which represents community partnership between Georgia State University law students and the public at its best. Each year, P.I.L.A. hosts a variety of community-related events, including a holiday donation drive for charitable causes, career fairs and networking events with local attorneys and legal organizations, and an auction to help raise funds for students working in unpaid public interest positions over the summer (such as with elder law, employment law and indigent defense)."

– Emily M. Ruisanchez
As an integral part of our education mission, the college of law enhances the academic experience for students by creating partnerships for learning with the larger legal community.

Lectures and visits by prominent individuals in the legal profession offer both students and local lawyers the opportunity to gain valuable insights into the everyday practice of law, as well as the finer points of litigation, research, ethics and professional standards. The college also recognizes the contributions made to the profession by outstanding members of the bar and judiciary, whose public service enhances both legal programs and the quality of life in our community.
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 the late 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, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Antonin Scalia; Talbot 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; and Robert Clark, former dean of the Harvard Law School, as well as other prominent individuals in the legal profession.

The lecture is free and open to the public, and it typically attracts about 200 guests.

BEN F. JOHNSON JR. PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

The Ben F. Johnson Jr. Public Service Award is given 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 college’s 10th anniversary celebration 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; Randolph Thrower, former U.S. commissioner of internal revenue; A. Paul Cadenhead, Esq., of Counsel, Fellows, Johnson & La Briola L.L.C.; the Honorable Luther A. Alverson, former member of the Superior Court of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit; Clifford Oxford, senior partner, McGee and Oxford; Griffin B. Bell, former U.S. Attorney General; Stephen B. Bright, director of the Southern Center for Human Rights; the Honorable Robert Benham, former Chief Justice, Georgia Supreme Court; and the honorable Anthony A. Alaimo, U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia.
SOUTHEASTERN BANKRUPTCY LAW INSTITUTE VISITING PROFESSOR

The Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute has endowed funds to support an annual college visit by a distinguished bankruptcy professor. A visiting professor participates in classes; meets individually with students on their projects; makes presentations to the faculty, bankruptcy bar and judges; and advises faculty members on their current research.

Past visiting professors have included Frank Kennedy, Thomas Cooley Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan; David Gray Carlson, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Yeshiva University; Steve Nickles, Bess and Walter Williams Distinguished Professor at Wake Forest University; Karen Gross, New York Law School; Margaret Howard, Vanderbilt University; the late Barry Zaretsky, Brooklyn Law School; Charles Tabb, University of Illinois; Bruce Markell, Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington; Lawrence Ponoroff, vice dean and professor of law at the Tulane University School of Law; Jean F. Brauchen, Roger C. Henderson Professor of Law at the University of Arizona; Robert Lawless, University of Missouri-Columbia; David G. Epstein, Southern Methodist University; and Peter A. Alces, Rita Anne Rollins Professor, College of William and Mary Marshall-Whyte School of Law.
Georgia State’s College of Law opened the door to my future. It gave me the opportunity to learn from outstanding professors who brought a diverse and unique perspective to the learning process.

My Moot Court experience gave me skills that will carry me through the rest of my life no matter what career path I take.

I participated in the externship program and was given the opportunity to work at the Georgia Supreme Court.

This experience provided me with a first-hand look at the state legal system that I could never have learned from a textbook.

Through career services, I was able to get a job with a highly respected firm. My law school experience was exciting, challenging and practical.

— Noshay Collins

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DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED

Thoughtful scholars and enthusiastic teachers, the College of Law’s faculty bring a broad range of talents and practical experience to classroom instruction. Our very favorable faculty-to-student ratio enables us to offer a varied curriculum with many upper-level electives taught in small classes. We encourage you to take a few moments to meet our faculty who ensure our students receive a world-class legal education.
Drago Cepar ’04

I decided to get my J.D. degree to be able to practice law in Georgia and to enhance my knowledge of U.S. law. I had already earned a civil law degree from Slovenia and an LL.M. from the University of Florida. Georgia State University’s College of Law seemed a perfect choice, since its part-time program enabled me to work while studying without having to sacrifice the quality of legal education. I was impressed by the expertise of the faculty, as well as the in-class, and out-of-class educational experience. Not surprisingly, the school has gained an excellent reputation in less than three decades of existence.
I began my career as a civil litigator focusing on medical malpractice. After earning my law degree at Georgia State, I knew I was prepared to be one of the best attorneys in the field. The College of Law is an exceptional institution that taught me practical skills. My litigation classes offered me the opportunity to try a case from start to finish. In my advanced evidence class, I was arguing motions, examining witnesses and learning how to actually apply each rule of evidence I learned during the lecture course. When I began my studies, I heard Georgia State was one of the "most-wired" law schools in the nation. I wondered what that really meant. Well, I know now — in addition to an excellent legal education, I became a legal computer whiz! I feel very privileged to have earned my law degree at such a great institution."

— Crystal Ferrier

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The College of Law actively recruits applicants who possess the intellectual capacity, maturity and motivation necessary to successfully complete the Juris Doctor program. We encourage applicants whose real-world experiences and interpersonal skills already demonstrate leadership capability.

**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 academics 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 score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). 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 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 an applicant’s chance of receiving full consideration.
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 2006 entering class was about 3.33 and the median LSAT score was 159. Although the college relies heavily on numeric components in its selection process, the admissions committee also considers the content of the baccalaureate degree, letters of recommendation, the applicant's written personal statement, and extra curricular and community service activities.

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 chance of successfully completing the J.D. degree.

In addition, school and community activities, employment experiences and advanced studies 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. Members of minority groups, women and others who have been historically underrepresented in legal education are encouraged to apply. The College is an equal opportunity educational institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability or ethnic origin in its admissions policies.

APPLICATION PROCESS

BEGINNING STUDENTS REQUIREMENTS

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

◆ Application

Complete the application form in this booklet and return it to the College of Law Admissions Office with the nonrefundable $50 application fee in check (counter checks not accepted) or money order made payable to Georgia State University. Please print your name and Social Security number on the check.

◆ Test Scores (Required)

Take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The Law School Admission Council (LSAC) administers the LSAT four times each year throughout the United States and in foreign countries. The admission committee uses all LSAT scores in reaching a decision. For information and an application form, contact the Law School Admission Council, Box 2000, Newtown, PA 18940; 215/968-1001; http://www.LSAC.org. Accommodated tests are available for applicants with disabilities through LSAC.

◆ LSDAS (Required)

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. For information, contact the Law School Admission Council, Box 2000, Newtown, PA 18940; 215/968-1001; http://www.LSAC.org. (For applicants with foreign undergraduate credentials, please have your transcript evaluated by LSAC JD Credential Assembly Service (see international applicants).)

◆ Letters of Recommendation (Required)

The College of Law requires the submission of two letters of recommendation. We prefer that these letters be from college professors who can attest to your ability to enter a competitive professional program. If you have been out of school for some time, letters from a work situation can be helpful. Although you are not restricted to two letters, your file will be considered complete when two letters have been received.

Your letters must be submitted through the Law School Admission Council letter of recommendation service. This service is included in your LSDAS subscription. Your letters will be copied and sent to us along with your LSDAS report, or as received by the Law School

◆ 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 non-matriculates are kept on file for two years. The prior applicant need only submit an application for admission with an accompanying $50 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. Although 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 help you with our admissions process. You should note, however, that staff 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 Decision
We will notify you when we receive your application and your $50 fee. It will then be your responsibility to keep current on the status of your file by logging on to http://law.gsu.edu. Choose the “check your application status” option on the home page. You will be notified of your acceptance or rejection 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 note 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 application forms, contact TOEFL, P.O. Box 899, Princeton, NJ 08541, U.S.A.; http://www.toefl.org.

Individuals who attended and graduated from colleges or universities in other countries are required to submit their foreign transcripts to the LSAC JD Credential Assembly Service. If you completed any postsecondary work outside the U.S. (including its territories) or Canada, you must use this service for the evaluation of your foreign transcripts. The one exception to this requirement is if you completed the foreign work through a study abroad, consortium or exchange program sponsored by a U.S. or Canadian institution, and the work is clearly indicated as such on the home campus transcript. This service is included in the LSDAS subscription fee. A Foreign Credential Evaluation will be completed by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), which will be incorporated into your LSDAS report.

To use the JD Credential Assembly Service, log in to your online account and follow the instructions for registering for the service. Be sure to print out a Transcript Request Form for each institution and send it promptly to them. More time is usually required to receive foreign transcripts.

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 Student Requirements
The faculty admissions committee may 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. 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.
To be considered for admission, the prospective transfer student must provide the following items:

- Complete the application form from this booklet (Return the completed form to the College of Law Admission Office with the nonrefundable $50 application fee in check or money order made payable to Georgia State University. Please print your name and Social Security number on the check.)
- a letter from the dean of the law school 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.)
- an official transcript of all law school work
- the LSDAS report on undergraduate and LSAT performance
- two letters of recommendation from educators and/or employers who know your work well (Submit the letters in an unopened envelope with the rest of your application packet. Recommenders must sign their name across the sealed portion of the envelopes.)
- 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.)

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 must meet the following requirements at the College of Law in order to receive the J.D. degree:

1) earn a minimum of 60 semester hours of the 90 hours required to graduate from the 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.

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 grade-point 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 1 for fall semester and December 1 for spring semester.

**Guest Student Requirements**

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*). 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.

- Also required is a letter from the dean of the currently attended law school giving permission to attend the Georgia State University College of Law and stating the conditions of attendance. (A guest student’s performance and rank in class at the school currently attended are important factors in the admissions 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 note that many courses are limited enrollment and Georgia State students have first priority for 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 1 for fall semester, December 1 for spring semester and April 1 for summer semester.

**Special Student Requirements**

1. 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 later admitted to the college as students in a law degree program may not count toward the degree any
credits earned as a special student.

To be considered for admission, the prospective special student must provide the following items:

- Complete the application form from this booklet (Return the completed form to the College of Law Admission Office with the nonrefundable $50 application fee in check or money order made payable to Georgia State University. Please print your name and Social Security number on the check.)
- 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 attendance and agree to accept transfer credit from the College of Law).
- An official transcript of your graduate work.

2. An attorney admitted to the Bar of Georgia, or another state, may apply for admissions as a special student. Attorneys subsequently admitted to the college, as a student in a law degree program, may not count toward the law degree any course credits received while in special student status.

Attorneys must complete the following items:

- the application form with the non-refundable $50 application fee in the form of check or money order made payable to Georgia State University. Please print your name and Social Security Number on the check.
- A copy of your law school transcript confirming the degree
- Proof of your current Bar membership
- A letter from the law professor teaching the class you wish to attend, granting you permission to take the course.

The deadlines for special student applications are June 1 for fall semester, December 1 for spring semester and April 1 for summer.

**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 admissions rules. A number of states require that a student register with the state's board of bar examiners at the beginning of law study 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 will not admit a person to the bar who has committed a crime of moral turpitude.

**COSTS AND FINANCIAL AID**

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 mandatory student fees each semester. Every student must pay student activity, athletics, recreation, transportation and health fees at the time of registration. Mandatory fees are used to provide cultural, social and athletics programs for the entire student body. In addition, they help finance student facilities, guest speakers and lecturers, student publications and many special events that are available exclusively to Georgia State students. The fees also help to defray shuttle costs for transporting students to campus from remote parking facilities where students may now park free.

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**TUITION and FEES**

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*All fees are subject to change by the Board of Regents without advance notice.*
Randy Wharton '05

My experience at the Georgia State University College of Law was better than I ever imagined. I received my undergraduate degree from a school where the Career Services Office (CSO) was non-existent; we were pretty much left completely on our own when it came to finding employment. Imagine my surprise when I came here and encountered the enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff in the CSO. I was thrilled with the help they provided to me in my career search. I never dreamed that it would be this easy to find employment!
Financial Aid

Applying for Aid electronically speeds up the entire process. Complete the FAFSA “Free Application for Federal Student Aid” on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you prefer the paper application process, forms can be obtained at the Georgia State Office of Student Financial Aid or any college financial aid office. Please allow four-five weeks for paper processing. The FAFSA should be completed as early as possible (available the first week in January of each year).

Priority Deadline
April 1 is the priority application date. To meet that date you must have a complete file in the aid office. A complete file will ensure you receive a review of all eligible funds and a timely award offer prior to fee payment deadline. A complete file consists of three components. The FAFSA (completed application that has been processed by the Federal agency and submitted to our office), acceptance to the university (first-time students), and other documents that have been required by our office based on a review of the FAFSA.

Applying Late
Students applying late for funds should be prepared to pay out of pocket for tuition and fees. Our office will make every effort to offer and award to late applicants in a timely period.

Guest Student/Transient Students
Students visiting GSU should contact their home institution Financial Aid Office.

General Information
For more information on the types of aid programs and eligibility requirements you may pick up a copy of “The Student Guide/Funding Your Education” or other financial aid literature in Room 102 Sparks Hall or view the GSU Financial Aid website www.gsu.edu/financialaid.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

1. 20th Anniversary Scholarship
This scholarship is based on merit and is offered to a first-year student every three years. The recipient retains the scholarship until graduation.

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

3. Attorney’s Title Guaranty Fund
This scholarship is awarded to a student in good standing at the College of Law who demonstrates high academic achievement in all real-estate-related courses and shows commitment to the highest standards in real estate practice.

4. College of Law Board of Visitors Scholarship
This scholarship is based on merit and is offered to a first-year student every three years. The recipient retains the scholarship until graduation.

5. W. Lee Burge Law Scholarship
This scholarship is based on merit and is offered to a first-year student every three years. The recipient retains the scholarship until graduation.

6. Michelle Ferguson-Priestly Award
This award is presented to a law student who has an outstanding record of achievement in criminal law and criminal procedure courses and has demonstrated commitment to community service.

7. Cathy Henson Scholarship
This scholarship is based on merit and is offered to a first-year student every three years. The recipient retains the scholarship until graduation.

8. College of Law Scholarship
This scholarship is based on merit and is offered to a first-year student every three years. The recipient retains the scholarship until graduation.
9. Georgia Civil Justice Foundation Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to a student in good standing at the College of Law who demonstrates superior ability in the area of litigation and advocacy.

10. Intellectual Property Scholarships
Four scholarships will be awarded annually. Each scholarship will be in the amount of $1,000. Two entering students who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to IP Law and two upper level students who have demonstrated both commitment to and achievement in IP Law will receive this scholarship each year.

11. Lamar Gammage Law Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to entering first-year students who demonstrate high academic achievement. The recipient retains the scholarship until graduation.

12. David J. Maleski Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship is based on merit and is named in memory of Professor David Maleski, a founding member of the College of Law faculty.

13. F.A. O’Daniel Law Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to a college student athlete who demonstrates merit and need. This scholarship is offered to a first-year student every three years. The recipient retains the scholarship until graduation.

14. Public Interest Law Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to a select number of students in good standing at the College of Law who have an interest in public interest work and secure a summer legal position with a nonprofit or appropriate governmental agency. The Selection Committee of the Georgia State Public Interest Law Student Organization selects these students.

15. Real Property Law Section Award
This award is presented to a law student who demonstrates superior academic achievement in the first year course Real Property.

16. The Trammell Foundation Outstanding Tax Clinic Student Award
The Trammell Foundation presents this award each year 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.

TUITION WAIVERS

Non-Resident Tuition Waivers
The College of Law offers a limited number of non-resident tuition waivers to encourage the enrollment of non-resident students who demonstrate high academic achievement. Both first-year students and existing students who are in good standing are eligible for these waivers.

Law Research Assistantships
Students who have completed 32 hours of law study are eligible to apply for Law Research Assistantships (IRA). Students who are selected assist faculty with research. Law Research Assistants are employed on a semester basis and receive a waiver or reduction of tuition and a stipend.

Law Graduate Teaching Assistantships
Law students who serve as tutors in the College of Law's Academic Enrichment Program, or assist the activities of the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, or provide support in the College of Law Tax Clinic are eligible for Law Graduate Teaching Assistantships. Students who are selected receive a waiver or reduction of tuition and a stipend.
BEGINNING TERM: _________________________________ SEMESTER YEAR 20 __________

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

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Date(s) Law School Admission Test taken __________________________ LIST ALL DATES __________

STUDENT INFORMATION (Please type or print clearly in ink)

1. LSAC Account Number: __________________________ (required)

2. Social Security No.: __________________________ (required)

3. Full Name: ____________________________

4. Will we possibly receive records for you under any other name? Yes No

Alternate Last Name: __________________________ Alternate First Name: __________________________

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Street: __________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip: __________________________

Current Address Telephone Number: __________________________

6. Email address: __________________________

Address valid until: __________________________

Current Business Telephone Number: __________________________

7. Permanent Address:

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

3 FOR INFORMATION:
404/651-2048
http://law.gsu.edu

2 REMEMBER!

- Attach $50 application fee.
- Sign application.
- Include personal statement.
- Take LSAT and register for the LSDAS.
  First year students must have transcripts and letters of recommendation submitted to LSDAS. Contact the Law School Admission Council at 215/968-1001 or visit their Web site at http://www.LSAC.org for more information.
7. Birthplace __________________________ CITY __________________________ STATE/PROV __________________________ COUNTRY __________________________

8. Birthdate __________________________

9. Gender (optional)*
   O Female
   O Male

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

11. Citizenship
    Country of Citizenship __________________________
    (If not US citizen or permanent resident) VISA type __________________________
    If permanent resident alien, provide your alien number __________________________
    Date issued __________________________
    (Attach copy of I-155 or permanent resident copy)

12. State of legal resident (Required for US/PR) __________________________
    If Georgia, County of Residence __________________________
    (If Georgia resident (US/PR), you must complete the Application for Georgia Residency at the end of this application process, if applicable, to be considered for resident tuition and fees.)
    I wish to be considered a Georgia resident for tuition and fee payment purposes: O Yes O No
    (If you answer yes, please complete the attached application for Georgia Residency)

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

13. Have you ever attended any law school? O Yes O 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.

14. 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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15. Have you previously applied for admission to Georgia State University College of Law? O Yes O No
    If yes, when? __________________________
    What was the final status of application? __________________________

16. Have you previously applied for other admission to Georgia State University? O Yes O No
    If yes, when? __________________________
    What was the final status of application? __________________________

17. Are you currently enrolled in a postsecondary institution? O Yes O No
    If yes, what will be your last term? __________________________
    Name of institution __________________________
18. 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.

19. Provide a description of all positions held and duties performed. Use a separate sheet only if necessary.

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SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

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

21. 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.

22. Are you aware of any circumstances in your background that would or might prohibit you from admission into the practice of law?  
    ☐ Yes  ☐ No  
    If yes to question 22, attach a statement of details and explanations.

23. Excluding parking violations, have you ever been detained, arrested, formally accused, cited or prosecuted for the violation of any law?  
    NOTE: You must disclose each instance even though the charges may have been dismissed or you were acquitted or allowed to plead nolo contendere or an adjudication was withheld or a conviction was reversed, set aside or vacated or the record sealed or expunged and regardless of whether you have been told you need not disclose any such instance.  
    ☐ Yes  ☐ No  
    If the answer is yes, provide the date, a description of the offense, and the disposition for each instance.

CRIMINAL CERTIFICATION

(If the box below is not checked, your file is considered incomplete.)

___ I hereby certify that the information I have provided in response to Question 23 is true and complete. If anything occurs that makes my response incomplete or inaccurate, I will amend my answer in order to update it prior to enrollment in the College of Law.

24. 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 question 24 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. I also certify that the personal statement is original and my own work. 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

*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 admission policies.*
APPLICATION OF GEORGIA RESIDENT

Georgia residence for fee-paying purposes requires 12 continuous months of domicile and residency in Georgia. Complete regulations may be found in the College of Law Bulletin. Do you consider yourself to be a resident of Georgia for fee-paying purposes as defined by the board of regents?

- Yes (you must complete the information below if you are claiming residency).
- No - List your state of legal residence

GEORGIA RESIDENT INFORMATION

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Were you counted as a tax dependent by spouse, parents, or guardians in the past year?

- Yes
- No

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