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WELCOME

from the Dean

Georgia State University College of Law, situated in the heart of Atlanta, offers an exciting and challenging environment for the study of law. Founded to provide excellent legal education in publicly funded part-time and full-time programs, the College of Law has achieved extraordinary success and recognition in its 20-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 our venue. As you examine our college, take note of our joint-degree programs, our live-client Tax Clinic, our Legislation Clinic and Practicum, 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. Our Externship Program places students in practice settings 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 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  The College of Law’s faculty members, as thoughtful scholars and enthusiastic teachers, 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:

• prepare for employment in the public sector or in business 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 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 real clients in the Tax Clinic
• take advantage of the ongoing training in state-of-the-art technology offered to all segments of the College of Law community
• study abroad through our summer Academy in International Commercial Arbitration cosponsored by European universities
• 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. Studying and interacting within a dynamic population of 600 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 - about our lovely city's "can do" spirit.
Fortune 500 companies and Atlanta International Airport.
The birthplace of "Sunbelt". It is the center of a beautiful, scenic setting.
Georgia State University. We're a stop on the short list of eye on the status of the law student.

GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia. The hub of politics, affairs. The University of Georgia, Sciences, and Law.
Georgia State University, with 52 degrees in residence.
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 750 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. Hartsfield 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, Georgia State University, a rapidly growing research center, 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. The second largest of Georgia’s accredited institutions of higher education, Georgia State enrolls about 25,745 students each fall. More than 900 full-time faculty members teach courses leading to about 52 degrees in more than 300 diverse fields of study.
The Externship Program seeks to better 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, immigration law and securities regulation law. The experience trains externs in lawyerly 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 — to offer joint-degree programs. These three 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 and materials for the Master of Business Administration, Master of Public Administration or Master of Arts programs.

CONSORTIUM ON NEGOTIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (CNCR) is an interinstitutional, interdisciplinary program supporting theory building and practice in conflict prevention and resolution. Founded in 1988, the consortium 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.

Housed in the College of Law, CNCR supports implementation of the Board of Regents’ Initiative and Policy Direction on Conflict Resolution among the 34 institutions of the University System. It also runs the Conflict Resolution in Schools Program, a program designed to enhance the effectiveness of conflict management programs in K-12 schools. Each semester, CNCR employs law students as graduate research assistants to support consortium staff and faculty.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The 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 college.

Each summer, the College of Law sponsors an accredited foreign law 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 Warsaw, Vienna, Budapest, Prague and Venice. .

The second 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. A participating student enrolled in academic courses sponsored at the College of Law is mentored in an internship program by a member of the State Bar of Georgia or the Georgia judiciary. Past fellows include students from Bulgaria and Croatia.

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TRIAL ADOVACY. The College of Law offers students an extensive variety of opportunities in the area of trial advocacy. Our Trial Advocacy Workshop, offered each spring semester, offers second-year students an intensive skills training experience. Working in small trial teams, students are exposed to the nuts and bolts of trial preparation and simulation exercises on all phases of the pretrial and trial process, including a full jury trial. In addition to the workshop, the College 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 student mock trial program that is among the best in the nation. Through student involvement in the Student Trial Lawyers Association (STLA) and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) Student Division, our students compete annually in numerous mock trial competitions held at locations throughout the country. These student teams have amassed an incredible record of success at the national, regional, and state levels.

Since 1997 alone, Georgia State has won 2 national championships, competed in four national finals, and won seven regional championships. It's performance has been equally impressive in intrastate law school competitions within Georgia, winning the Georgia Intrastate championship nine times in the last 14 years.

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, and with extensive support from the law faculty, teams of students compete 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.

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. Moot Court members are responsible for administering the second-year course in Appellate Advocacy, drafting mock problems for internal competitions, writing 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 CAPITOL CITY CENTER FOR STATE LAW, LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Students at Georgia State University observe first hand how state statutory law is created. Georgia legislators who chair important General Assembly committee select timely topics for law students to research. Upon completion of the research, students in our Legislation Clinic and Practicum write a significant legal analysis for legislators' to use in the upcoming legislation session. During the Spring semester, students observe the legislative process, assist legislators and watch how the topics they analyzed emerges into law.

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.

THE TAX CLINIC

The Tax Clinic provides a live-client component of the college's Lawyer Skills Development Program. Students who take the clinic course serve low-income individuals who are involved in disputes with the Internal Revenue Service. 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 can be applied 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 a supervising attorney.

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. It receives calls from more than 150 taxpayers per year and has an inventory of about 150 cases, including many that eventually require conferences with the IRS Appeals Office.
The College of Law Library is designed and equipped to meet the demanding research needs of today's students, faculty, staff and legal community. Through a collection of more than 145,000 hard-copy volumes and more than 150,000 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 3,000 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/lawlibrary/. Our library users also have access to GALILEO (Georgia Library Learning Online), which provides a wealth of specialized electronic services through a system developed under a statewide initiative to improve information access in Georgia's university libraries.
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. Hands-on instruction in the techniques of electronic and print legal research is provided by our highly skilled professional librarians through the required courses in legal research.

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. Each student has an e-mail account and receives e-mail communications 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://gslaw.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 to training purposes. Two large classrooms are equipped with a computer projection device, and the college has installed equipment and network connectivity in other classrooms and in the library study carrels. Both classrooms and study carrels accommodate lapop computers.

Courses
The course Law and the Internet is taught each year as a virtual class, and work product from the class is published online. The college also offers such other courses as Computer Law, Computers and the Law Seminar; Copyrights; Patents; Trademarks; Law, Science and Technology and Advanced Legal Research, 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 have created course Web pages where students can access class materials and participate in e-mail discussion groups.

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.

http://law.gsu.edu
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 comparative and globalized domestic lives. Similar study is employed by the growth of technology in our lives. Further, computer programs and online discussion groups can play a significant role in the increasing use of computer programs and online discussion groups as a supplement to the traditional classroom.

MEETING TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES
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 of Law's curriculum reflects these priorities today.

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 or the Department of Philosophy in the College of Arts and Sciences. 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 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, and 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 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.
My experience at Georgia State's law school was beyond measure. I found the atmosphere to be one that was extremely supportive. What was most important to me was the fact that the faculty was open and available outside class. The professors were eager to answer questions for beyond the normal class. The law school experience is a rigorous and demanding one that takes a great deal of commitment from the student. What could have been a difficult experience was certainly made easier and more worthwhile in that the dean, the faculty and staff really cared about me. I will carry my experience with me for the rest of my life.

Judge Penny Brown Reynolds

GRADUATE '94
J.D., Georgia State University
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Trial Advocacy II
White Collar Crime
Environmental Protection/Land-Use Planning/
Real Property
Energy Law
Environmental Law
Environmental Justice
Environmental Management Law
International Environmental Law
Land Use Law
Law of Hazardous Waste
Local Government Law
Natural Resource Law
Real Estate Transactions
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
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
Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap
Health Law: Liability
Health Law: Regulation
Health Law: Seminar
Law and Psychiatry
Intellectual Property, Technology and Media
Arts and Entertainment Law
Computer Law
Computers and the Law (Survey)
Copyright
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
Conflict of Laws
Jurisprudence
Law and Statistics
Law and the Internet
Law, Science and Technology Seminar
Legal History
Selected Topics in Jurisprudence
Labor/Employment Law
Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap
Employee Benefits
Employment Discrimination
General Employment Law
Labor Law
Workers' Compensation
Workers' Compensation Seminar
Law and the Family
Domestic Litigation
Divorce Law
Family Law Seminar
Juvenile Justice
Juvenile Law
Law and the Elderly
Wills, Trusts
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Estate Planning and Administration
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Advanced Evidence
Advanced Issues in Pre-Trial Litigation
Advanced Legal Research
Advanced Legal Writing
Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution
Appellate Advocacy
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Estate Planning Seminar
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Georgia Practice and Procedure
Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation
Law Review
Legislation
Legislative Drafting and interpretation Seminar
Mediation
Remedies
Trial Advocacy
Taxation
Basic Federal Taxation
Business Planning
Business Taxation
Corporate Taxation
Estate and Gift Taxation
Estate Planning Seminar
Multistate Taxation
Partnership Taxation
Tax Clinic
Tax Procedure and Tax Fraud
Wills, Trusts and Estates
Estate and Gift Taxation
Estate Planning Seminar
Future Interests
Wills, Trusts and Estates I
Wills, Trusts and Estates II

JOINT-DEGREE PROGRAMS
Law and Business Administration
Law and Philosophy
Law and Public Administration

LAWYER SKILLS EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS
Administrative Law:
Alternative Dispute Resolution — Fulton State Court
District 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.
Pulson County Solicitor
Georgia Justice Project, Inc.
Gwinnett County Solicitor
Rockdale County District Attorney
Rockdale Public Defender

Civil Litigation:
Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.

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

Disability Law:
Georgia Advocacy Office

Domestic Violence Advocacy:
Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation

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

Legislation:
Georgia Council on Aging

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

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

Tax Law:
IRS — Estate and Gift Tax
IRS — Individual Tax
State Department of Revenue
CAREER SERVICES  The Office of Career Services assists students and alumni in identifying, establishing and achieving their career goals. To accomplish this mission, Career Services provides such support as 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 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 a number of 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, ethnic diversity in the profession and bar exam review. Workshops focus on such skills as strategies and techniques for job searches, writing résumés 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 25 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
- Asian-American Law Students Association
- Association of Women Law Students
- Black Law Students Association
- Business Law Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity
- Environmental Law Society
- Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies

**Class of 2001 Employment at a Glance**

92.95% of graduates were employed within six months of graduation.

Average starting salary: **$75,922**
DISABILITY SERVICES

The university's Office of Disability Services coordinates services and parking for students with special needs. The office provides information about campus accessibility, and a handbook of services and arrangements for students with disabilities can be found on its website (http://www.gsu.edu/~wwwods). Students with special needs should register with Disability Services at the beginning of their first semester. A brochure outlining services will be mailed on request. The office is located in the University Center, Suite 230; 404/446-9044 (voice/TTY).

HOUSING

The Office of University Housing offers law students and their families accommodations in the University Lofts, a 450-bed facility with apartments for single graduates students and students with families. University Lofts is located adjacent to campus, less than two blocks from the College of Law. Amenities include private bedrooms, cable television, all utilities, local telephone and direct internet access; kitchens with full-size refrigerator and dishwasher. Housing costs start at $650 per month and vary based on size of the unit and location in the building. Parking is available in a deck adjacent to the building for an additional $85 per month. For more information, contact University Housing at 404/446-9052; http://www.gsu.edu/housing; or housing@gsu.edu.

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 six-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 in courses.

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.
My first year at Georgia State was just as challenging as I thought it would be, if not more. My classes demanded all of my time and attention. I was accustomed to being at the head of the class, and here I was swimming hard just to keep up.

By the time that my second year rolled around, I had a better footing. I did not hesitate to go to my professors for advice or reassurance when I needed it. However, the greatest discovery that I would make in my law school career was just about to show itself.

Still struggling to find some way to distinguish myself from the pack, I decided to go to the Fulton County Courthouse and actually observe a trial in session. The courthouse is just three blocks away from Georgia State. From the moment I stumbled upon a murder trial, I was hooked. Suddenly, the judicial process came to life for me.

This epiphany brought other things to light for me as well. The class schedule offered by Georgia State allowed me the flexibility to accommodate both courtroom time and a full load of classes.

It is clear to me that when I sit for the bar, I will be well-prepared, not only for the exam, but for what I am to encounter upon passing. The curriculum at GSU offers such opportunity to customize learning that it is often hard to choose between classes, externships and extracurricular activities. I can only say that I am pleased with my decision to enroll at Georgia State.
SUE C E S S F U L P A R T N E R S H I P S

As an integral part of our educational 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 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; and Anthony Kronman, Dean of the Yale 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 are 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 & LaBriola L.L.C.; the Honorable Luther A. Alvis, former member of the Superior Court of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit; and Clifford Oxford, senior partner, McGee and Oxford.

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 writing papers; makes presentations to the faculty, bankruptcy bar and judges; and advises faculty members on their current research.

The current SBJI Visiting Professor is Robert Lawless, University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law. 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; Swayne Nicholas; D. 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 Taft, University of Illinois; Bruce Markell, Indiana University School of Law–Bloomington; Lawrence Presscott, vice dean and professor of law at the Tulane University School of Law; and Jean F. Braschman, Roger C. Henderson Professor of Law at the University of Arizona.
MARK BUDNITZ  
Professor of Law
B.A., Dartmouth College (1966);  

Teaches contracts, commercial paper, and equity, and  
problems involving business law and business ethics.

GEORGE CAREY  
Professor of Law
B.A., University of Houston (1961);  
J.D., Catholic University (1969);  

Teaches business, real estate,  
and business organizations.

JENNIFER CHIOVARO  
Instructor of Law
B.S. (1982) and J.D. (1985),  
Georgia State University.  

Teaches research, writing  
and advocacy.

CLARK CUNNINGHAM  
Lee Borch, Chair in  
Ethics and Professionalism
B.A. (Summa Cum Laude and  
Phi Beta Kappa), Dartmouth College (1975);  
J.D. (Summa Cum Laude)  
Wayne State University  

Teaches professional responsibility  
seminar on judicial power. Has also taught criminal justice clinic,  
ethics, and law and culture.

WILLIAM A. BROSS  
Professor
B.A. (1969) and  
J.D. (1972), Rutgers University  
College of Law (1972).  

Teaches property,  
land-use law, administrative law,  
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B.A. (with honors), University  
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J.D. (with honors), University of Florida  
College of Law (1988).  

Teaches research, writing  
and advocacy.

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J.D. (1969) Catholic University,  

Teaches property, land-use law,  
local government law, administrative law, and  
water rights.

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Consortium of the Mentoring Program
B.A. (cum laude), Colgate University (1981); J.D. (with honors), University of North Carolina (1988); Order of the Coif.
Teaches civil procedure and evidence.

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B.A., Antioch College (1972); Ph.D., University of California-Berkeley (1982); J.D. (with honors), Duke University (1985); Order of the Coif.
Teaches administrative law, criminal law, torts and jurisprudence.

ANNE S. EMANUEL
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Teaches wills, trusts and estates, criminal law and criminal procedure.

BERNADETTE WESTON HARTFIELD
Associate Professor of Law
B.A. (magna cum laude), Spelman College (1971); J.D., University of California-Berkeley (1977).
Teaches family law, juvenile law, and education law.

L. LYNN HOGUE
Professor of Law
Teaches conflict of laws, constitutional law and municipal zoning law.

WILLIAM A. GREGORY
Professor of Law
B.A. (cum laude), Case Western Reserve University (1963); M.A., University of Michigan (1966); J.D., Harvard University (1969); B.A., Georgia State University (1989).
Teaches agency and partnerships, basic business bankruptcy, corporations, corporate finance and securities regulation.

JULIAN C. JUERGENSSMEYER
Professor of Law
A.B., University of Wisconsin (1943); M.A., Ph.D. (1949), University of Chicago; J.D., Harvard Law School (1950).
Teaches bankruptcy, commercial law, contracts and professional responsibility.

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Associate Professor of Law
B.A. (magna cum laude), Spelman College (1971); J.D., University of California-Berkeley (1977).
Teaches family law, juvenile law, and education law.

INGHAM
Chair in Judaism
B.A. (cum laude) and
M.A., Hebrew College (1972);
Cum Laude (1971).
MAHK J. KADISH  Associate Professor of Law and Director of Legal Skills Development
Teaches criminal procedure; litigation and advanced litigation seminars.

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A.B. (summa cum laude), Boston College (1987); J.D. (magna cum laude), Case Western Reserve University School of Law (1991).
Teaches civil procedure, constitutional law and legislation.

MARJORIE FINE KNOWLES  Professor of Law
A.B. (magna cum laude), Smith College (1969); Radcliffe Graduate School (1969-71); LL.B. (cum laude), Harvard Law School (1968).
Teaches corporations, corporate governance and conflict of laws.

MICHAEL B. LANDAII  Professor of Law
B.A. (with distinction), Pennsylvania State University (1975); J.D., University of Pennsylvania (1988).
Teaches antitrust, antitrust immunities, torts, patents, trademarks, unfair competition.

E.R. LANIER  Professor of Law and Legal Studies
A.B., University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (1963); J.D., Texas A&M University (1965); B.S., Georgia State University (1961).
Teaches international and comparative law, international contracts, international organizations, agency and contracts.

CHARLES A. MARVIN  Professor of Law
B.A. (with distinction and Phi Beta Kappa), University of Kansas (1964); Fulbright Scholar in Jurisprudence, University of Toulouse, France (1964-65); J.D., University of Chicago (1968); M. Comp. L., University of Chicago (1970).
Teaches administrative, constitutional, international and comparative law.

BASIL MATTINGLY  Associate Professor of Law
B.S., Western Kentucky University (1979); J.D. (with high honors), University of Kentucky (1986); Order of the Coif.
Teaches real estate transactions, property, security interests and liens.

PAUL S. MILICH  Professor of Law
B.A. (with honors), University of California-San Diego (1974); J.D. (with honors), Georgetown University (1980).
Teaches contracts, commercial law, evidence and jurisprudence.
PATRICIA T. MORGAN
Professor of Law
B.A. (magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa),
Michigan State University (1973);
J.D. (with distinction),
Emory University (1979); Order of the Coif.
Teaches corporations, tax, business planning, and tax fraud and procedure.

ELLEN S. PODGOR
Professor of Law
B.S. (magna cum laude),
Syracuse University (1973);
J.D. (cum laude),
Emory University (1979); Order of the Coif.
Teaches white-collar crime, federal criminal law, professional responsibility, criminal law, women and the law, and international criminal law.

MARY E. RADFORD
Professor of Law
B.A. (summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa),
Tulane University (1974);
J.D. (with distinction),
Emory University (1979); Order of the Coif.
Teaches with, trust and estates, state planning, employment discrimination, law and the elderly, and women and the law.

CHARITY SCOTT
Professor of Law
B.A. (with distinction and Phi Beta Kappa),
Stanford University (1973);
J.D. (cum laude),
Harvard University (1979).
Teaches health law, torts and antitrust.

ERIC J. SEGALL
Professor of Law and
Co-director of the Externship Program
B.A. (summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa), Emory University (1980);
J.D., Vanderbilt University School of Law (1983); Order of the Coif.
Teaches constitutional law, federal courts and First Amendment.

ROY M. SOBELONSON
Professor of Law
B.A. (with honors), Emory University (1972);
J.D. (cum laude),
University of Georgia School of Law (1976); L.L.M., Temple University School of Law (1982).
Teaches trial and procedure, evidence, professional responsibility, interviewing, negotiation, and counseling.

CORNEIL A. STEPHENS
Associate Professor of Law
B.A., Claremont College (1974);
J.D., University of Chicago Law School (1978).
Teaches labor law and criminal law, commercial paper, property, securities, antitrust, and the law.
JANEEK TARRANT
Instructor of Law
Teaches research, writing and advocacy.

B. ELLEN TAYLOR
Associate Professor of Law
B.Mus., Manhattan School of Music (1974); graduate studies in ethnomusicology, University of California—Los Angeles (1977-79); XIII Annual Institute of Comparative Law, Grenoble, France (1985); J.D. (with distinction), Emory University (1986); Order of the Coif.

KELLY CAHILL TIMMONS
Assistant Professor of Law
Teaches employment law, civil rights and torts.

TANYA WASHINGTON
Assistant Professor
Teaches family law and torts.

JACK F. WILLIAMS
Professor of Law
B.A., University of Oklahoma (1987); J.D. (high honors), George Washington University (1984); Order of the Coif.
Teaches administrative law, property, commercial law, tax law and technology seminar, torts and statistics, and open law.

PATRICK WISEMAN
Professor of Law
Teaches real property and related courses, constitutional law, individual rights, jurisprudence, legislation, and Law and the Internet.

DOUGLAS HURT YARN
Professor of Law
Teaches alternative dispute resolution and professional responsibility; directs the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution.

NANCY CARTER
Law Librarian
Teaches legal research, writing and advocacy.
NANCY P. JOHNSON
Law Librarian and Professor of Law
B.A., Marycrest College (1971); M.L.S., University of Illinois (1973); J.D., Georgia State University (1986).
Teaches legal bibliography and advanced legal research.

NANCY ADAMS
Senior Reference Librarian and Librarian III
B.A., Empire Valley and Henry College (1983); M.L.S., Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science (1986).
Responsible for reference services and the government documents collection.

ELIZABETH G. ADelman
Reference Librarian
B.A., University of Buffalo (1957); M.L.S., University of Buffalo (1961); J.D., Albany Law School (2001).
Teaches legal bibliography and responsible for interlibrary loan.

TERRANCE MANION
Electronic Services Librarian
Responsible for the development and support of computer technology.

KRISTINA L. NIEDRINGHAUS
Associate Law Librarian

KAREN B. DOUGLAS
Assistant Senior Librarian (and Librarian II)
B.A., Boston University (1973); M.S. in Library Service; Columbia University (1992).
Responsible for acquisitions and serials.
## Costs and Financial Aid

### Tuition for Full-time Enrollment
(15-18 credit hours per semester)

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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 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.

MANDATORY FEES
College of Law Students
Total $398

IF

. . . you have previously 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 again.

. . . you file your FAFSA and complete your financial aid file by the April 1 deadline, you will be awarded financial aid, if eligible, by the end of Fall Phase II Registration.

. . . you apply late, you should be prepared to pay your tuition and fees for the fall term in order to hold your registration.

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

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SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND TUITION WAIVERS

The College of Law awards a number of scholarships, awards and tuition waivers to qualified applicants and students. All applicants, once accepted, are considered for the various scholarships and waivers. Available opportunities are listed below.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

1. Atlanta Law School Fellows Program
   This scholarship is awarded to entering 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

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

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. Regents' Opportunity Scholarship
   These scholarships are awarded to Georgia residents who demonstrate need and merit. Both first-year students and existing students in good standing are eligible. For consideration, please complete the financial aid packet available in the Office of Student Financial Aid.

10. The Trammell Foundation Outstanding Tax Clinic Student Award
    This award is presented each year by the Trammell 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.

TUITION WAIVERS

Nonresident Tuition Waiver
The College of Law offers a limited number of nonresident tuition waivers to encourage the enrollment of nonresident 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 Assistantship
Students who have completed 32 hours of law study are eligible to apply for Law Research Assistantships. 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 Assistantship
Law students who serve as tutors in the College of Law's Academic Enrichment Program, assist in 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.
Deciding which law school to attend can be a major life and career decision for anyone. For me, choosing Georgia State had a profound effect on both my life and career. Being a Virginia resident, I relocated to Atlanta to start my law school endeavor. Almost immediately, Georgia State offered me the opportunity to interact with various professors and students through its active Student Bar Association and other law-specific student organizations. Most importantly, the faculty and staff at Georgia State are world-class and work hard to ensure that students reach their goals.

Being at a fairly new law school, Georgia State offers every student the ability to make their mark. Whether a student chooses to compete in mock court competitions or write for the Law Review, their contributions will greatly affect the law school’s achievements. For me, being a member of Law Review has enhanced my writing skills tremendously, allowed me to better my legal research abilities, and afforded me the opportunity to publish an article for Georgia State.

In all, Georgia State is a great place to learn the law, forge professional relationships, and develop the skills necessary to be successful. Georgia State University College of Law has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.”

Jacqueline R. Knapp
SECOND-YEAR LAW STUDENT
B.S., Miami University (Ohio)
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 experience 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 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 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 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 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 2002 entering class was about 3.2, and the median LSAT score was 156. 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 chance of successfully completing 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. Members of minority groups, women and others who have been 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, disability 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 application must be received 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:

- **Application**
  Complete the application form in this booklet 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.

- **Online Application Option**
  If you prefer to apply online, visit our admission Web site at http://law.gsu.edu/admissions/.

- **Test Scores (Required)**
  Take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The LSAT is administered by the Law School Admission Council four times each year throughout the United States and in foreign countries. The admissions committee uses all LSAT scores in reaching a decision. For information and an application form, contact the Law School Admission Council, Box

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- 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.

- 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 that serves all member schools. 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 Admission Council. To use this service, follow the directions for submitting letters outlined in the LSAT/LSDAS Registration and Information Book, available on the LSAC Web site at http://www.LSAC.org or on the LSACCD, a CD containing law school information provided by the Law School Admission Council.

- Personal Statement (Required)
Submit a typed written 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. 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 your admissions 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 will then be your responsibility to keep current on the status of your file by calling 404/661-2048 or sending e-mail to admissions@gsu.law.gsu.edu. 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.
International applicants must meet all application requirements, including the achievement of a satisfactory score on the LSAT. Those 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, 1-800-937-3899; http://www.wes.org or Josef Silny and Associates, Inc, International Education Consultants, (305) 273-1616, info@silny.com.

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 Students

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.

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

• the completed 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 requirements 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 15 for fall semester, December 1 for spring semester and April 15 for summer semester.

Guest Students

Third-year law students at ABA-accredited law schools...

http://law.gsu.edu
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 15 for fall semester, December 1 for spring
semester and April 15 for summer semester.

Special Student Status

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:
• the completed application form from this
booklet

Return the completed form to the College of Law
Admission 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.
• 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 special
student, but in that capacity, may only audit courses
at the college. 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
$30 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. Provide a copy of
your law school transcript confirming the
degree and proof of your current Bar
membership. Provide 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 July 15 for fall semester, December 1 for spring
semester and April 15 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.