

Marquette University Law School

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■ Introduction

For more than a century, Marquette University Law School has been committed to training men and women to serve the public interest by becoming highly skilled and ethical attorneys. Traditionally, the curriculum has emphasized the practical aspects of legal education. In recent years, that emphasis has expanded to include particular excellence in the areas of intellectual property, dispute resolution, sports law, labor and employment law, criminal law, children and the law, and litigation-related courses. The National Sports Law Institute, the premier sports law program in the US, is a part of the Law School. Our more than 6,700 alumni/ae serve in a broad range of legal, public, and corporate positions throughout the US.

The Law School is located on the university campus—two blocks from the state courthouse and a short walk to the federal courthouse and downtown Milwaukee. Marquette is the only law school in southeast Wisconsin. Marquette—a Catholic, Jesuit, and urban university—is the largest private university in the state. The Catholic and Jesuit nature of the school translates into a specific concern for the well-being of each individual, whether he or she is a student, a legal client, or the victim of a crime. Persons of all religious backgrounds attend Marquette, serve on our faculty, and are valued in our community. The Law School is committed to academic freedom, the broadest possible scope of inquiry, and the examination of any subject.

Milwaukee is a lively city on Lake Michigan, 90 miles north of Chicago. Wisconsin's largest city, with a metropolitan-area population of about 1.5 million, Milwaukee retains the appeal of a small town. Clean and well-run, it is known for its many ethnic festivals and the variety of cuisine.

■ Enrollment/Student Body

Within the Marquette Law School community, people know and care about one another. Our students come together from over 190 colleges and universities. They hail from more than 38 states and the District of Columbia, as well as a handful of foreign countries. Our faculty includes 37 full-time professors and prominent practicing attorneys and judges who serve as adjunct professors.

Law students at Marquette represent a broad range of backgrounds, beliefs, and life experiences. Students of color comprise about 10 percent of the student body. We respect our different traditions and believe diversity enriches the legal education we offer.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The law school building, Sensenbrenner Hall, is an attractive, comfortable building that houses faculty and administrative offices, classrooms, and a courtroom. The law library, a four-level facility, is connected to the Law School. The law library has two computer labs and provides students access to electronic legal research tools and computer-assisted legal instruction exercises. The law library is a federal document depository and is the largest legal research facility in southeast Wisconsin. Law students have access to all Marquette

University campus facilities, including the computer center. Wireless capability exists throughout Sensenbrenner Hall, including the law library.

■ Curriculum

The Law School offers full- and part-time programs leading to the JD degree. The Law School's curriculum is rooted in core courses that include consideration of the theoretical underpinnings of the law, as well as the practical application of substantive legal concepts. The curriculum is national in focus and scope and emphasizes the skills and values necessary to be a competent and ethical lawyer, as well as a contributing citizen and community leader. Our adjunct faculty includes many of the state's outstanding practitioners who supplement required and core courses by teaching a broad range of electives.

Students may earn a **JD/MBA** through the Law School and the College of Business Administration; of special note is the JD/MBA with a **sports business** concentration. Joint programs with the graduate school allow students to earn a **JD/MA** in **international affairs**, the **history of philosophy, social and applied philosophy**, or **political science**. The Law School offers a joint program with Marquette University's graduate program in dispute resolution that allows a student to graduate with a **JD** and a **certificate in dispute resolution**. In conjunction with the Medical College of Wisconsin, we offer the **JD/MA** in **bioethics**. Each joint-degree program requires meeting all requirements of both the Law School and the other degree-granting institution; typically, each can be completed in four years. As an alternative to a joint degree, law students may take up to six hours of coursework in a related graduate program at Marquette, such as public policy, sociology, philosophy, or history.

■ Special Programs

Our comprehensive trial-practice courses provide an exceptional opportunity for students to develop trial skills. Distinctive clinics include the Prosecutor and Defender Clinics, Judicial Internships, and numerous supervised field work opportunities.

Marquette University Law School's sports law program provides the nation's most comprehensive offering of sports law courses and student internships with sports organizations, as well as opportunities for memberships on the *Marquette Sports Law Review* and the sports law moot court team. Our broad, well-rounded curriculum is designed to provide students with both theoretical and practical education concerning legal regulation of the amateur and professional sports industries. Law students who fulfill certain requirements are eligible to earn a **sports law certificate** in addition to the **JD**. More information on the program and the certificate may be found on the Law School's website at <http://law.marquette.edu/jw/sports>.

The Law School's Restorative Justice Initiative gives law students the opportunity to work with victims of crime, offenders, and community members toward repairing the harm that crime has caused. More information on the RJI may be found on the Law School's website at <http://law.marquette.edu/jw/restorative>.

■ Admission and Financial Aid

Review of completed applications begins after October 1 and continues through the spring. Although the applicant's LSAT score and academic record are important considerations in the selection process, the Admissions Committee also considers qualitative factors, such as letters of recommendation, essays, work experience, extracurricular activities, and personal accomplishments and characteristics that contribute to the diversity of the school, the legal community, and the profession. Admitted applicants are required to submit nonrefundable tuition deposits in April and June. These deposits are applied to the student's fall semester tuition. Interviews are not part of the application process.

Although most students finance their education through a combination of federal and private loan programs, all applicants offered admission are automatically considered for merit scholarship awards. Additionally, the Law School has recently established a Loan Repayment Assistance Program to help graduates in government service or public interest practice repay the cost of their educational loans. More information on LRAP may be found on the Law School's website at <http://law.marquette.edu/jw/lrap>.

■ Diploma Privilege

Since 1933, graduates of the Law School who qualify have been admitted to the practice of law in Wisconsin without having to take the Wisconsin Bar Examination. Marquette graduates are entitled to sit for bar examinations in any American jurisdiction.

■ Student Activities

The Law School publishes the *Marquette Law Review*, the *Marquette Sports Law Review*, the *Marquette Intellectual Property Law Review*, and the *Marquette Elder's Advisor* (Elder Law Journal). Students may develop advocacy skills in moot court competitions. Marquette moot court teams have won regional titles and championships in national competitions. A wide variety of student organizations are active at the Law School. A listing of student groups and descriptions of their activities may be found on the Law School's website.

■ Career Services

The Career Planning Center processes hundreds of listings of employment opportunities, coordinates campus interviews, and provides counseling assistance to students. In recent years, approximately 95 percent of our graduates secured employment within nine months of graduation. Our on-campus interview program includes a broad range of legal employers from major cities and legal markets across the nation. The office will help students network with Marquette alumni and other potential resource persons. Our goals are to keep our placement rate high and to ensure a good fit and job satisfaction for all our graduates.

■ Housing

Ample, affordable housing is available throughout Milwaukee and its suburbs. Information and assistance on securing housing may be obtained from the Office of University Apartments and Off-campus Student Services; telephone: 414.288.7281, Web: www.marquette.edu/pages/home/orl/uni.

Applicant Profile

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This grid includes only applicants who earned 120–180 LSAT scores under standard administrations.

| LSAT Score | GPA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | | |
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| 170–174 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 165–169 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 34 | |
| 160–164 | 26 | 25 | 54 | 48 | 36 | 32 | 31 | 29 | 22 | 19 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 190 | 164 | |
| 155–159 | 69 | 66 | 122 | 113 | 130 | 104 | 108 | 60 | 58 | 28 | 25 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 528 | 384 | |
| 150–154 | 70 | 36 | 129 | 50 | 173 | 44 | 152 | 17 | 86 | 12 | 32 | 2 | 14 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 666 | 162 | |
| 145–149 | 22 | 1 | 47 | 3 | 81 | 3 | 63 | 3 | 51 | 3 | 28 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 310 | 15 | |
| Below 145 | 8 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 222 | 0 | |
| Total | 203 | 135 | 385 | 224 | 458 | 188 | 410 | 117 | 260 | 65 | 127 | 21 | 64 | 7 | 23 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 22 | 3 | 1957 | 762 | |

Apps = Number of Applicants
Adm = Number Admitted
Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.