

## Emory University School of Law

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### ■ Introduction

Emory's location in Atlanta, a national business and legal center, gives Emory law students the opportunity to take advanced classes from, and work with, some of the leading judges and lawyers in the United States. Atlanta also is one of America's most beautiful and most livable cities.

The law school also benefits from being located on the campus of Emory University, which was founded in 1836. Emory University School of Law is accredited by the American Bar Association, is a member of the Association of American Law Schools, and has a chapter of the Order of the Coif.

### ■ Library and Physical Facilities

The Emory School of Law is located in Gambrell Hall, a part of Emory's 630-acre campus in Druid Hills, six miles southeast of downtown Atlanta.

Gambrell Hall contains classrooms, faculty offices, administrative offices, student-organization offices, and a 320-seat auditorium. The law school provides wireless Internet access throughout its facilities. Gambrell Hall also houses a state-of-the-art courtroom with computer connections for judge, counsel, and jury; a document camera; DVD player; videoconferencing; and four-camera operation with feeds to remote locations.

The Hugh F. McMillan Law Library sits adjacent to Gambrell Hall and is designed for easy student access. Students are trained on LexisNexis and Westlaw terminals and learn both the techniques of computer-assisted legal research and traditional research methods. Students also may use the library's computer labs that offer Macintosh and IBM-compatible computers.

### ■ Curriculum

The basic program of study involves three years of full-time study leading to the JD degree. The fall semester runs from late August to mid-December; the spring semester begins in early January and ends in mid-May.

The program of courses for the first year is prescribed. The program of courses for the second and third years is primarily elective. Students can sample a broad spectrum of courses or concentrate on a particular area of law.

All first-year courses and the basic second- and third-year courses are taught by full-time faculty members. A distinguished group of judges and practicing attorneys offer specialized courses.

### ■ Special Programs

Emory Law School is committed to the legal profession as a service profession, to teaching the practice of law as well as the study of law, and to our premier centers of excellence. The essential role of service is reflected in our public interest curriculum and organizations. We teach the practice of law through our outstanding programs in trial techniques, intellectual property, child advocacy, and environmental law, and through expanded emphasis on transactional skills. Our centers of excellence in law and religion, world law, feminism

and legal theory, and health law are interdisciplinary, integrative, and international in approach.

Emory's Trial Techniques Program is consistently ranked among the best in the nation. Students are exposed to the challenges of conducting direct and cross-examination, developing a case theory and approach, and conducting opening and closing arguments. More than half of the students participate in Emory's field placement program, where students may earn academic credit doing things such as clerking for a federal judge, researching intellectual property issues for The Coca-Cola Company, and representing clients on behalf of Atlanta Legal Aid.

Students also may gain practical experience in intellectual property and corporate/commercial law by participating in TI:GER (Technological Innovation: Generating Economic Results), a program of technology law and business law cosponsored by Emory's School of Law and Economics Department and Georgia Tech's Dupree School of Management. Students may participate in one of Emory's own clinics: the Barton Child Law and Policy Clinic, working to promote and protect the well-being of neglected and abused children; the Barton Juvenile Defender Clinic, representing children charged with delinquent acts; the Indigent Criminal Defense Clinic, representing indigent misdemeanor defendants; and the Turner Environmental Law Clinic, offering a practical clinical education to the aspiring environmental attorney.

Emory offers a comprehensive international law program and is home to the World Law Institute. Emory Law capitalizes on the presence of other strong campus programs by combining coursework and programs to create unique and synergistic programs of study. The law school offers joint-degree programs with Emory's School of Business Administration, School of Theology, School of Public Health, and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

### ■ Admission

The law school accepts beginning students for the fall term only. Prior to enrollment, a student must have earned a bachelor's degree from an approved institution. Applications for admission must be received by Emory no later than March 1. Early applications are encouraged. Many factors are considered in making admission decisions. Of particular importance are academic accomplishments and LSAT scores. Extracurricular activities, work experience, level of quality and difficulty of undergraduate courses, performance in graduate school, and letters of recommendation also are considered. We encourage applications from members of underrepresented groups, and such applicants should provide the Dean of Admission with specific information about their background or accomplishments that would be of particular interest. Applicants are encouraged to visit the law school. Upon acceptance, applicants are required to submit a nonrefundable \$750 tuition deposit to reserve a space in the entering class.

### ■ Student Activities

A wide variety of organizations and activities are available to students. There are three law reviews at Emory—*Emory Law*

Journal, *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal*, and *Emory International Law Review*; more than 30 percent of the second- and third-year students are involved in law review research, writing, and editing.

Students also participate in moot court. Each first-year student prepares a brief and presents an oral argument. In addition, many second- and third-year students compete in intramural and national moot court competitions.

There are numerous special interest and social groups and a very active Student Bar Association.

### ■ Career Services

The law school regards career services as a matter of highest priority. A full-time career services office assists students in

obtaining permanent, summer, and part-time employment. It arranges interviews with employers from many parts of the country and maintains extensive files on a wide variety of professional opportunities all over the United States. Many Emory graduates join private law firms after graduation. Others work as judicial clerks, enter government service, or work for banks, corporations, or legal aid agencies.

The majority of Emory's students stay in the Southeast. Approximately 20 percent work in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Smaller percentages work in the Midwest, Southwest, and West.

The career services office provides extensive training on résumés, interview skills, and job-search techniques, as well as numerous opportunities to network with attorneys in a variety of practice areas and settings.

## Applicant Profile

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LSAT Score	GPA								
	3.75 +	3.50-3.74	3.25-3.49	3.00-3.24	2.75-2.99	2.50-2.74	2.25-2.49	2.00-2.24	Below 2.00
175-180									
170-174									
165-169									
160-164									
155-159									
150-154									
145-149									
140-144									
135-139									
130-134									
125-129									
120-124									



Good Possibility



Possible



Unlikely

**Note:** This graph reflects admission decisions as of 6/1/06 and is to be used as a general guide to determining chances for admittance. It does not reflect actual decisions but should serve as a guideline.