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■ Introduction

Founded in 1900, Stetson University College of Law is Florida's first law school. The college's main campus is in Gulfport, which is a suburb of St. Petersburg. Located in a former resort hotel, the campus provides an outstanding environment in which to study law. A satellite campus in downtown Tampa hosts some classes in our part-time and full-time JD programs and houses judges on Florida's Second District Court of Appeal. Stetson is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and has been an Association of American Law Schools member since 1931. The college is an equal opportunity education institution. For additional information, visit www.law.stetson.edu.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

Modern in every educational aspect, the facilities include six courtrooms. The Law Library and Legal Information Center is one of the most advanced research and communications technology centers in the Southeast. It contains more than 415,000 volumes, a wireless network, and 43 group study rooms. The Tampa Law Center includes a satellite library to support students, alumni, and judges. There is a laptop requirement for all admitted students.

■ Admission

Stetson received 3,228 applications, offered admission to 929 applicants, and enrolled 355 first-year students: 274 full time and 81 part time. The 2006 entering class included 19 percent minority students and 50 percent women. There are 132 undergraduate institutions and 32 states/territories represented. These numbers represent the spring and fall full-time and part-time 2006 entering classes. The student body consists of approximately 800 full-time and 230 part-time JD students, as well as 15 LLM students (from eight countries). Our students, faculty, and staff work together toward one common goal: preparing our students to be the best lawyers and leaders possible.

■ Faculty

The intellectual exchange among students and faculty is continuous, both inside and outside the classroom. The 53 full-time professors are engaged in projects that bring them regional, national, and international prominence, but make teaching and working with students their top priority. Each semester, full-time faculty is supplemented by approximately 50 practicing attorneys and judges who serve as adjunct professors in specialized areas.

■ Curriculum

Academic Success Programs: Stetson offers many programs, including academic advising, an academic orientation, a semester-long academic skills workshop, and a Writing Clinic, designed to assist all students in achieving their academic potential.

Lawyering Skills: Stetson's academic program focuses on the lawyering process. Stetson is a pioneer and national leader in advocacy and clinical training.

Additional Academic Offerings: Stetson offers a part-time JD program that allows a student to earn a law degree in four years by taking classes in the evenings. Classes must be taken at both the Gulfport campus and Tampa Law Center. Stetson also offers a joint JD/MBA program that prepares students for careers in law and business. The Master of Laws (LLM) program in International Law has included lawyers from 35 different countries. A new, online LLM in Elder Law will be offered in fall 2007. Stetson offers summer-abroad opportunities in Argentina, Germany, The Hague, China, and Spain. Stetson has Centers for Excellence in Advocacy, Elder Law, Higher Education Law and Policy, and International Law. Stetson also hosts the National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law, and the Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy.

■ Expenses and Financial Aid

Full-time tuition for 2006–2007 (fall/spring) is \$27,660, and part-time tuition for 2006–2007 (fall/spring/summer) is \$23,900. Partial and full merit and diversity scholarships are offered on a competitive basis. Need and endowed scholarships are offered for continuing students. There is no financial aid deadline and a completed FAFSA is the only required form.

■ Special Programs

Trial Advocacy: Stetson is recognized as one of the best law schools for advocacy. Stetson's teams routinely win national, regional, and state mock trial, moot court, and client skills competitions. Stetson was the first law school to win all five major national mock trial competitions in a single academic year. And Stetson was the first American law school since 1996 to win the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria, in 2005; the team won the silver medal in 2006.

Clinics and Internships: Stetson offers upper-level students a wide variety of opportunities to work closely with attorneys and judges, and, in some cases, actually represent clients and try cases. Clinical opportunities include Civil Poverty Law, Elder Law, Employment Discrimination, Immigration, Local Government, Prosecution, and Public Defender. Internships include Bankruptcy Judicial Internship, Caribbean Law Internship, Elder Law Internship, Environmental Law Internship, EEOC Internship, In-House Counsel Internship, Intellectual Property Internship, Federal and State Judicial Internships, Labor Law Internship, State and Federal Litigation Internships, and US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Internship.

Certificates of Concentration: Students can apply to a certificate program in which they focus their elective credits on advocacy, elder law, or international law.

Law Review: The *Stetson Law Review* publishes three issues each year. Students are selected based on grades and writing ability. Stetson serves as headquarters for the National Conference of Law Reviews. Stetson also publishes the *Journal*

of *International Aging Law and Policy* in cooperation with the AARP, and the *Journal of International Wildlife Law and Policy*.

Honors Program: Students with a 3.5 GPA after their first or second semester are invited to join the Honors Program, which features a special colloquium and seminar. Honors students also are invited to attend a wide variety of faculty colloquia and other special events.

Continuing Legal Education: Students are encouraged to attend the numerous seminars and conferences sponsored by the college for practicing attorneys, judges, and other professionals.

■ Residential Life

Stetson has limited on-campus dormitories, as well as approximately 50 single-family homes and a 32-unit apartment complex located within a few blocks of the campus. A wait list is maintained for placement in all of these spaces. For more information, contact the Office of Residential Life by e-mail at housing@law.stetson.edu or visit www.law.stetson.edu/housing/.

■ Career Development

Stetson's commitment to helping students achieve their goals is reflected in its strong career services program. The Office of Career Development assists students and alumni in securing

all types of legal and law-related employment and provides group seminars and individual counseling on subjects ranging from interviewing techniques to résumé writing. More than 96 percent of the 2005 graduating class reported that they found employment within nine months of graduation. Approximately 91 percent of recent Stetson graduates practice within Florida; however, alumni are located in 48 states and 22 countries.

■ Office of Student Life

The Office of Student Life offers student activities that support Stetson's academic mission and enrich the law school experience, such as cultural programs, experiential education trips, community service opportunities, and monthly leadership luncheons. Stetson has nearly 40 diverse and active student organizations. The Student Bar Association is the umbrella organization under which all others are coordinated. The Stetson Chapter of the American Bar Association Law Student Division has been recognized regionally and nationally as one of the best, and the Student Leadership Development Program was recently awarded the ABA's prestigious E. Smythe Gambrell Award for excellence in professionalism programming. A strong Office of Student Life presence on campus allows students many opportunities to hone their leadership and communication skills, network socially with their peers and legal professionals, and grow interpersonally as strong future members of the legal profession.

Applicant Profile

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

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		No GPA		Total		
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	
175–180	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
170–174	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4
165–169	6	5	4	4	3	2	4	3	3	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	18
160–164	16	16	26	24	28	22	23	20	15	6	9	2	7	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	128	94	
155–159	60	53	90	74	115	79	99	59	62	21	34	3	13	2	9	1	1	1	3	2	486	295	
150–154	88	64	150	81	206	70	165	39	117	12	47	6	22	0	7	0	2	0	3	1	807	273	
145–149	67	12	119	13	147	10	141	13	98	5	53	3	28	2	12	0	2	0	7	0	674	58	
140–144	21	1	56	5	67	1	72	5	57	1	43	1	17	0	11	0	2	0	6	1	352	15	
135–139	5	0	13	0	11	0	24	0	17	0	11	0	12	0	11	0	2	0	3	0	109	0	
130–134	2	0	3	0	4	0	6	0	5	0	4	0	8	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	37	0	
125–129	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Total	269	154	463	202	583	185	536	139	375	49	204	17	112	6	58	1	9	1	26	6	2635	760	

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