

West Virginia University College of Law

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■ Introduction

The College of Law, established in 1878, is the oldest professional school in West Virginia. The university is located in Morgantown, WV. Within a 500-mile radius of Morgantown is half of the population of the US and one third of the population of Canada. The College of Law has been a member of the AALS since 1914 and was fully accredited by the ABA in 1923. The college has had a chapter of the Order of the Coif since 1925.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The College of Law facility measures 131,966 square feet and provides a spacious learning community for law students. The law center is home to six classrooms, two courtrooms, a distance learning center, financial aid, career services, and a law bookstore. Ample parking at the law center is available by permit for all law students.

The George R. Farmer Jr. Law Library, a three-story, 32,476-square-foot facility with 40,386 feet of shelving space, is home to the largest law library in the state of West Virginia. The law library is comprehensive in scope with a collection of over 300,000 volumes and equivalents. The library provides access to 42 networked computers, including the Carlin Computer Lab, a 16-computer teaching lab.

The Student Recreation Center is a \$34 million, 177,000-square-foot facility complete with two swimming pools and a massive 50-foot climbing wall that stretches up through the center of the three-story building. The center also houses a wellness center, a resource library, a study area, a food-service operation, a small classroom, a meeting/conference room, and socialization areas.

■ Curriculum

Subject to modification, 91 hours are required for graduation. The 31-hour first-year curriculum is specified. The second- and third-year programs offer a number of course options and possibilities for concentration.

Students have the option, after being admitted, to request enrollment in the part-time program that offers daytime courses congruently with the full-time program. There is not a separate nighttime track.

■ Student Activities

West Virginia University College of Law has various student organizations. The Student Bar Association is the student government of the school. The *West Virginia Law Review*, the fourth oldest law review in the nation, selects members on the basis of performance during their first year in law school and a writing competition. An active Moot Court Program is conducted at the law school.

■ Opportunities for Minority Students

The College of Law is committed to maintaining a diverse student body by welcoming students who are members of groups traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession.

The Meredith Career Services Center assists minority students with securing summer employment through a Minority Clerkship Program. The College of Law also participates in the Southeast Minority Job Fair in Atlanta, a regional job fair that brings together employers and minority students. Student organizations, such as Black Law Students Association, provide additional opportunities for minority students.

■ Placement

Our graduates are employed at the major law firms in West Virginia, are members of the judiciary, and hold important positions in government. They are also in major law firms from New York City to Hong Kong, Rome to Pittsburgh, and San Diego to Richmond. Many graduates also run their own offices and work tirelessly for those who have little or no money but desperately need legal representation. Please visit the Meredith Career Services Center on our website for more information.

■ Admission

The College of Law admits first-year students only in the first (fall) semester. No specific prelaw curriculum is required for admission. The college subscribes to the suggestions on prelaw study in this book and stresses the value of college courses that require extensive analytic skills and writing assignments.

Persons are admitted to the College of Law on the basis of previous academic performance, scores on the Law School Admission Test, personal statements, letters of recommendation, and such other factors that bear upon the potential professional qualifications of the applicant as are determined by the College of Law.

Applications are accepted beginning in September of each year for the class to be admitted in the following August. Those accepted are required to make a deposit of \$100 against tuition and fees within a designated period, but not before April 1.

■ Expenses and Financial Aid

Although WVU's reasonable tuition and fees are an excellent value, the College of Law recognizes that many students may not be able to afford the full cost of a legal education without financial assistance. Limited funds in the form of tuition waivers, scholarships, and college work-study are available each year through the university. Even if the student has not been accepted to the College of Law, he or she should apply for financial aid by March 1. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed in order to receive any financial assistance, including all need-based scholarships. Students must complete the FAFSA each year in order to be considered for financial aid.

More information may be obtained by contacting Joanna Hastings, Financial Aid Counselor, PO Box 6130, Morgantown, WV 26506-6130; phone: 304.293.5302; joanna.hastings@mail.wvu.edu.

■ Housing

WVU Law students select from a wide range of living arrangements both on campus and in private housing. Contact

the University Housing Office, located in Bennett Tower, Evansdale Residential Complex at 304.293.3621, for information concerning university-owned dormitories and

apartments. Information concerning off-campus, privately owned housing may be obtained by calling the Office of Student Affairs in E. Moore Hall at 304.293.5613.

Applicant Profile

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

LSAT Score	GPA																						Total	
	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		Apps	Adm		
	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
170–174	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
165–169	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
160–164	10	10	8	8	1	1	7	6	3	2	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	31
155–159	13	12	29	26	18	15	18	13	18	12	7	5	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	109	85		
150–154	41	36	53	38	63	28	55	27	40	11	18	6	10	2	4	0	3	1	1	0	288	149		
145–149	27	13	62	20	64	12	49	3	38	3	17	0	14	2	4	1	0	0	2	1	277	55		
140–144	12	4	21	1	28	3	27	1	24	5	14	3	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	134	17		
135–139	2	0	7	1	6	2	8	1	7	0	2	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	42	4		
130–134	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0		
125–129	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	105	75	185	96	182	62	166	53	130	33	62	16	41	8	16	1	3	1	6	2	896	347		

Apps = Number of Applicants
 Adm = Number Admitted
 Reflects 98% of the total applicant pool.