

## Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology

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### ■ Introduction

Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, is a national leader in legal education, recognized for the strength of its faculty and for its innovative approaches to traditional legal education. The second oldest law school in Illinois, Chicago-Kent was founded in 1888 by two judges who believed that legal education should be available to working men and women. The first female student was a graduate of the class of 1891, and the first African American woman admitted to the bar in Illinois (and the second admitted to practice law in the United States) was a graduate of the class of 1894. Today, Chicago-Kent students come from 44 states, 16 countries, and from more than 250 colleges and universities.

Drawing on its distinctive affiliation with Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago-Kent is at the vanguard of exploring new frontiers in the law raised by biotechnology, cyberspace, environmental regulation, intellectual property, international criminal law enforcement, and much more. Chicago-Kent is located in downtown Chicago, the heart of the city's commercial and legal communities. The law school is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools and the Order of the Coif.

### ■ Faculty

The foundation for academic excellence at Chicago-Kent is derived from its faculty, who engage in broad-ranging legal scholarship and research. As advisors frequently approached for their expertise, faculty members help shape policy and thinking on a variety of issues, and make it a point to involve students in their particular areas of influence.

### ■ Library and Facilities

Chicago-Kent's modern, ten-story building features a three-story atrium, five-level library, technologically advanced courtroom, auditorium, computer labs, student lounges, and cafeteria. Chicago-Kent's library is one of the largest law school libraries in the country. The collection includes the Library of International Relations and a wealth of material on environmental and energy law, intellectual property law, international trade law, and labor law.

The law school houses a sophisticated computer network with more than 1,900 network connections located throughout the building and library, and at each seat in the majority of classrooms. Wireless service is also available throughout the building.

Affordable housing is available in nearby urban and suburban neighborhoods. On-campus housing is available on the university's main campus, approximately five miles south of the law school. A free shuttle runs between the two campuses. The law school is close to all public transportation downtown.

### ■ Curriculum

Both full-time and part-time programs are available. Full-time students usually complete the JD degree in three years. Part-time students usually finish in four years. Students may apply to transfer between divisions after completing the

required courses in the division in which they originally enrolled. First-year class sizes range from 30 to 90 students.

Degrees available include JD, JD/MBA, JD/MPA, JD/MPH, JD/LLM in Taxation, JD/LLM in Financial Services Law, JD/LLM in Family Law, JD/MS in Financial Markets and Trading, JD/MS in Environmental Management, LLM in Taxation, LLM in Financial Services Law, LLM in Family Law, LLM in International Intellectual Property Law, and LLM in International and Comparative Law.

### ■ Practical Skills Training

**Legal Research and Writing**—Chicago-Kent's acclaimed legal research and writing program is one of the most comprehensive in the nation. The three-year, five-course curriculum teaches students to analyze a wide range of legal problems and to write about them persuasively.

**Clinical Education**—The Law Offices of Chicago-Kent, one of the largest in-house clinical education programs in the country, offers 11 clinical practice areas and coordinates externships with government agencies and federal judges.

**Trial Advocacy**—The law school offers a two-semester sequence in trial advocacy and an intensive course taught by veteran judges and experienced practitioners.

### ■ Certificate Programs

**Criminal Litigation**—The program emphasizes both theory and practical skills development to provide comprehensive and balanced preparation for a career in criminal prosecution or defense.

**Environmental and Energy Law**—The program's interdisciplinary approach to the problems of environmental regulation and natural resources allocation prepares students for practice through a series of courses in law, economic and public policy analysis, as well as in the scientific aspects of environmental problems.

**Intellectual Property Law**—The program focuses on issues relating to patent, trademark, copyright, trade secrets, and unfair competition, both in the United States and abroad.

**International and Comparative Law**—The program encompasses study in international business and trade, international and comparative law, and international human rights. The Library of International Relations, an official depository for documents of the United Nations and the European Union, is one of the largest public research collections of this material in the Midwest.

**Labor and Employment Law**—The program provides students with theoretical and practical training in the law governing the workplace.

**Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution**—Students in the Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution program receive training in case analysis, as well as exposure to the theoretical and ethical foundations of the law, to develop their skills in using litigation and alternative methods to resolve disputes.

**Public Interest Law**—The program provides students with a background in public interest law and policy, in addition to individualized curriculum and career planning. The law school also supports a number of public interest resources and

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activities, including the Center for Access to Justice and Technology, which aims to make justice more accessible to the public through the use of the Internet.

## ■ Institutes and Centers

Chicago-Kent is home to seven institutes and centers with missions that range from conducting scholarly and practical research on legal and social issues to providing topical programming to developing public interest services. Through these initiatives, many of which involve cross-disciplinary projects, students learn to appreciate and adapt to major social and global influences that can change the legal profession and its practice. These seven institutes and centers include:

- Center for Diabetes Research and Policy
- Center for Access to Justice and Technology
- Global Law and Policy Initiative
- Institute on Biotechnology and the Human Future
- Institute for Law and the Humanities
- Institute for Law and the Workplace
- Institute for Science, Law, and Technology

## ■ Admission

Admission is highly selective. Each application is individually reviewed and decisions are based on a range of factors, including quantitative and qualitative criteria. Although the GPA and LSAT are important criteria, consideration also is given to nonnumerical factors such as the nature and rigor of the undergraduate curriculum, writing ability, graduate work and professional experience, extracurricular activities, diversity, and the personal statement. The admission requirements for the full- and

part-time divisions are the same. The law school is committed to attracting and retaining students from a variety of racial, ethnic, economic, geographic, and educational backgrounds.

## ■ Student Activities

Student editors and staff, in association with a faculty editor, publish the *Chicago-Kent Law Review* in symposium format. Moot Court and Trial Advocacy teams successfully compete in local, regional, and national competitions each year, providing numerous opportunities to develop litigation expertise. Diverse student interests are represented in a wide variety of social, political, and professional student groups.

## ■ Scholarship Support

Substantial scholarship assistance is offered to entering and continuing students based on factors that include merit, financial need, and contribution to the law school community. The Honors Scholars Program provides renewable scholarships of full-tuition and living expenses, research assistantships, and special seminars to a select group of students who demonstrate exceptional academic and leadership ability.

## ■ Career Services

The Office of Career Services, with six full-time staff, offers individual counseling on résumé writing, interview techniques, and job-search strategies and sponsors both on- and off-campus interview programs. Typically, 97 percent of graduates who seek employment find professional positions within nine months of graduation.

## 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		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
170–180	11	7	12	7	9	7	3	2	5	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	44	32
165–169	68	42	71	46	54	50	29	27	21	18	15	11	3	2	2	1	0	0	3	3	266	200
160–164	102	92	126	107	144	112	101	76	48	31	24	12	3	1	4	1	0	0	6	4	558	436
155–159	128	87	249	118	241	94	200	61	88	30	42	4	19	0	9	0	1	0	17	2	994	396
150–154	66	24	140	39	170	14	142	16	81	5	49	3	24	0	10	0	1	0	24	4	707	105
Below 150	32	6	96	4	141	5	153	1	110	1	117	0	42	0	33	0	12	0	36	1	772	18
Total	407	258	694	321	759	282	628	183	353	90	250	33	91	3	58	2	14	0	87	15	3341	1187

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

This grid represents admission data for applicants to both the full- and part-time programs. The information in this grid is to be used only as an approximate gauge of the likelihood of admission and not as a guarantee. Individual accomplishments and other nonnumerical factors are also of importance to the Admissions Committee.