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■ Introduction

The School of Law is located on the Water Tower Campus of the university, a few blocks north of the Chicago Loop. This campus adjoins Michigan Avenue at the historical Water Tower, a Chicago landmark, in approximately the center of the renowned Magnificent Mile, a commercial center over which the John Hancock Center towers. This location provides ready access to the state and federal courts and to the offices of most other institutions of federal, state, and local government, as well as the cultural centers of Chicago. The school is a member of the AALS and is approved by the ABA.

■ Library and Facilities

The Loyola Law Center, at 25 East Pearson Street, provides Loyola's law students with a modern and enhanced learning environment. The School of Law library is located on floors 3–5 of the Law Center. More than 400,000 volumes enhance Loyola's broad-based law curriculum and support the varied research needs of students and faculty. Offering custom-designed furnishings and custom carrels, the 43,900-square-foot facility creates a comfortable and accommodating atmosphere for users. The library is open 100 hours each week, with expanded hours during examination periods. The law library is fully staffed with professional librarians and paraprofessionals to assist students and faculty.

Across the street from the Law Center is a new 25-story, 600-bed residence hall. Baumhart Hall, which opened in the fall of 2006, is one of several new and renovated facilities at Loyola's dynamic Water Tower Campus. This new structure enables graduate, professional, and undergraduate student residents to experience contemporary living in fully furnished apartments, with spectacular city views in the heart of the city. Amenities include a 24-hour security staff, a food court and late-night café, a state-of-the-art fitness center with individual televisions on cardio machines, wireless access in apartment bedrooms and public areas, a laundry room equipped with "smart system" washers and dryers that enable residents to monitor usage and track laundry from their apartments, and rent includes all utilities, heat and air-conditioning, cable, and high-speed Internet access.

■ Foreign Study Programs

Since 1983, the School of Law has offered a program of international and comparative law courses at the Rome Center for Liberal Arts, the university's campus in Rome, Italy. Each summer, for approximately four weeks, law students from the United States and elsewhere can take one or more of the courses offered in Rome by members of the full-time Loyola law faculty.

In 1997, the law school added a program in Strasbourg, France. This one-week optional field study follows the summer program in Rome.

In 1989, Loyola inaugurated its London Comparative Advocacy Program in which students travel to London, between semesters, for approximately 15 days to become immersed in the world of the British barrister.

In spring 2003, Loyola inaugurated an immersion program at Universidad Alberto Hurtado, a Jesuit law school in Santiago, Chile.

In summer 2008, Loyola inaugurates a three-week program in China. In addition to time in the classroom, students will hear from guest lecturers, and guided excursions to sites in Beijing and the surrounding areas.

■ Clinical Legal Education

For students, faculty, and alumni, Loyola's five legal clinics represent a valuable bridge between theory and practice, classroom and career. Through the clinics, the School of Law offers service to others in a way that gives them dignity while providing students with practical legal experience. In spring 2003, the law school celebrated the 20th anniversary of its clinical program that began with the founding of its Community Law Center, followed in later years by the Federal Tax, Child and Family Law, Business Law Center, and Elder Law Clinics.

■ Special Opportunities

The School of Law has dual-degree programs with the School of Social Work's graduate program, the Department of Political Science, and the Graduate School of Business. Automatic acceptance is granted to the MA in Political Science for candidates admitted to the law school. Provisional admission to the MBA program is granted based upon LSAT score and law school grades. The multidegree programs are structured to allow completion after four years. Loyola offers accelerated LLM programs in health law, child and family law, and taxation to JD students who fulfill program requirements. Recognizing the increasing need for specialization in legal education and practice, the school offers specialized curricula in five key areas: International Law and Practice, Health Law, Child and Family Law, Advocacy, and Tax Law.

■ Child and Family Law Center

The Loyola ChildLaw Center was created in 1993 to prepare law students to represent abused and neglected children. The center is the first of its kind at any American law school; it was the recipient of the National Association of Counsel for Children 1996 Outstanding Legal Advocacy Award; and it draws on the full resources of Loyola University, including the schools of medicine, social work, and education. The program includes an LLM degree and a master's degree program for nonlawyers.

The law school and Teach for America have entered into a partnership. TFA corps members who are interested in using their legal education to advocate for children's legal interests and well-being will receive matching AmeriCorps Awards.

Annually, Child and Family Law Fellows are selected from the entering law class. One fellowship is reserved for a TFA corps member. Each fellow receives financial support. At the conclusion of the three-year JD program, students are trained thoroughly to serve as skilled litigators and advocates for children.

■ Institute for Health Law

The Beazley Institute for Health Law was created in 1984 in recognition of the need for an academic forum to study the field of health law and to act as a vehicle to foster dialogue between the law and the health sciences. Through the institute, the law school offers an SJD in Health Law and Policy and an LLM in Health Law. In addition, it offers the first Master of Jurisprudence (MJ) in Health Law and Doctor of Law (DLaw) in Health Law and Policy, providing health care professionals with an intensive overview in health law. More than two dozen health law classes are offered in the law school.

■ Center for Business and Corporate Governance Law

The Center for Business and Corporate Governance Law was created in 1996 to further enhance Loyola's corporate law curriculum by offering more specialized and practical skills classes to its students. The center offers corporate externships for law students, sponsors continuing education programs for both corporate attorneys and employees, and includes a legal clinic for small business.

■ Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies

The Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies is an independent, academically based institute designed to explore the effect of antitrust and consumer law enforcement on the individual consumer and the general public. The institute was founded by a grant from the US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and is supported by Loyola and private donors.

■ Advocacy

Loyola prepares its students for careers of leadership at the bar and on the bench. For nearly 100 years, Loyola's tradition of educating and training top litigators has produced some of the country's most accomplished and recognized trial attorneys and judges. The advocacy program is composed of a second-year required course in advocacy, courses in beginning and advanced trial advocacy, numerous moot court competitions, the Corboy Fellowship Program in Trial Advocacy for mock trial

competitions, and a wide variety of litigation-related courses. A certificate in advocacy is available for students who complete a menu of advocacy courses.

Symbolic of our advocacy success is our selection by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy as the site for two of its largest advocacy training programs, the Midwest Regional Trial Advocacy Program and the Midwest Regional Deposition Training Program.

■ Admission

Factors other than LSAT scores and college grades are considered. Such factors include work experience, personal goals, specialized education, and other evidence of ability to contribute invaluable insight to law classes.

■ Career Services

The Career Resources Office assists students and alumni with career planning and employment selection.

A year-round, on-campus employer interview and recruitment program provides employment opportunities.

Seminars by practicing attorneys and alumni, résumé preparation, interviewing techniques, individual counseling, and job-search strategies are just some of the many programs administered by the Career Resources Office.

The School of Law is a member of NALP.

■ Cocurricular Activities

Students are encouraged to participate in cocurricular activities. There are six student-edited publications, including the *Annals of Health Law*, *Children's Legal Rights Journal*, *Consumer Law Review*, *International Law Review*, *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*, and *Public Interest Law Reporter*. Students compete in more than 20 moot court and mock trial national and international competitions. All students are members of the Loyola Student Bar Association, the principal instrument of student government. There are over 25 student organizations and groups devoted to legal practice, ethnic groups, or law student chapters of professional bar associations.

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		2.50–2.99		2.00–2.49		Below 2.00		No GPA		Total	
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm
165–180	47	44	48	45	47	44	31	27	41	13	7	0	0	0	3	2	224	175
160–164	146	135	147	134	164	124	120	83	79	24	13	2	1	0	8	3	678	505
155–159	177	53	303	81	319	67	240	53	143	28	31	7	1	0	8	1	1222	290
145–154	119	22	290	39	353	41	335	38	335	20	65	5	3	0	25	2	1525	167
120–144	18	0	37	1	77	5	100	5	159	2	65	0	7	0	12	0	475	13
Total	507	254	825	300	960	281	826	206	757	87	181	14	12	0	56	8	4124	1150

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.