

## Northern Kentucky University—Salmon P. Chase College of Law

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### ■ Introduction

The Salmon P. Chase College of Law, founded in 1893, is located in Nunn Hall on the main campus of Northern Kentucky University, a learner-centered metropolitan university in a thriving legal and business community just seven miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. Chase offers both a full-time day division and a part-time evening division. NKU Chase is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

### ■ Library and Learning Environment

Students have access to the law library 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Students may access the library's electronic resources in the legal information technology lab or throughout the building via the library's wireless network. The library provides access to a wide range of online resources, including HeinOnline, LexisNexis, Westlaw, e-mail, CALI exercises, and many other Web-based products.

Nunn Hall's two courtrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art video and computer technology, as are a majority of the classrooms.

### ■ Curriculum

The curriculum consists of required courses, core courses, and elective courses. Ninety credit hours are required to graduate; forty-nine hours are in required courses. Full-time students may complete the program in three years, while part-time students generally complete the program in four years. Chase offers a number of academic support and development programs designed to enhance the law school experience.

### ■ Joint-degree Program

Chase offers a Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration (JD/MBA) degree program. This program is an attractive alternative for individuals who wish to practice law or business in an increasingly complex environment. Courses in the College of Law serve as electives for the MBA degree, and specific MBA courses serve as electives for the law degree. Thus, the number of hours required to obtain both degrees through the combined program is less than the number of hours required to complete each degree separately.

### ■ Special Programs

The **Clinical Extern Program** aids law students in the development of practical legal skills through work experience in supervised governmental and nonprofit organization legal settings. Opportunities include placements with state and federal judges, prosecutors, public defenders, legal aid programs, and various governmental agencies.

Through the **Federal Trial Practice Seminar**, students serve as law clerks for a United States District Court judge or magistrate. Students conduct legal research and prepare bench memoranda on legal issues pending before the court.

The **IOLTA Public Interest Fellowships** enable a number of students each year to serve in paid fellowships with local

public interest organizations, Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, and the Children's Law Center.

The **IRS Chief Counsel Externships** and the **Chase Tax Clinic** are excellent opportunities for students interested in practicing in the area of taxation. The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program** assists low-income, elderly, and disabled taxpayers in the northern Kentucky community in filing their federal and state returns.

Students participating in the **Kentucky Innocence Project** assist the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy (DPA) by investigating and possibly litigating claims of innocence from state and federal prisoners. The clinic focuses on the discovery and analysis of new evidence, especially DNA evidence. Participants are placed in the field and work directly under the supervision of DPA attorneys.

The **Local Government Law Center** externships provide unique opportunities in which students assist city and county governments throughout Kentucky. Externships are individually tailored to meet each student's background, experience, and career interests.

### ■ Admission

Chase seeks to admit those applicants who have the best prospect of high-quality academic work; thus, the Admission Committee relies heavily on the applicant's undergraduate grades and performance on the LSAT during the application review process. Additional factors considered include upward trend of undergraduate grades; time between college graduation and application to Chase; college grading and course selection patterns; outside work while in college; letters of recommendation; graduate study; cultural, educational, or sociological disadvantages; employment background; leadership ability; speaking or linguistic ability; and demonstrated competence in another profession or vocation. Chase seeks diversity in the student body by considering, in no particular order, sex, age, cultural or geographic background, and minority status. First-year students enter in the fall semester.

### ■ Student Activities

The Chase College of Law **Moot Court** program is available to those students with a demonstrated ability and interest in research, brief writing, and oral advocacy. The teams have competed successfully in national and regional competitions.

The *Northern Kentucky Law Review* is published by Chase students and includes scholarly legal writings by law professors, practitioners, jurists, and students.

Chase's **National Trial Advocacy Team** promotes excellence in trial advocacy through training, education, and development of trial advocacy skills with one-on-one attention from expert practitioners. The team has successfully competed in state and national mock trial competitions.

The **Student Bar Association** sponsors professional, social, and community service events, and selects students to participate on several faculty committees. Other student organizations include chapters of the **American Constitution Society**, the **Black Law Students Association**, the **Federalist Society**, **Phi Alpha Delta**, the **Public Interest Group**, the **Intellectual Property Society**, the **Christian Legal Society**, the

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Health Law Society, the International Law Student Association, the Legal Association of Women, and the Sports and Entertainment Law Group.

## ■ Career Development

The Career Development Office assists students and alumni with career planning, networking, and developing job-search skills and strategies. The director of career development is an attorney with significant law firm and litigation experience.

The office schedules fall and spring on-campus interviews, posts job notices daily, and holds seminars and workshops to prepare students for the job market. Law students attend a variety of job fairs and recruiting programs, and many obtain legal work experience for pay while in law school. The Lunch With a Lawyer/Dinner With a Lawyer program series, sponsored by the Chase Alumni Association and the Career Development Office, enables students to network with alumni and learn about a wide variety of legal specialties and career options at frequent sessions held throughout the year.

## 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
170–174	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
165–169	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
160–164	7	7	7	5	10	7	8	8	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	36
155–159	21	18	25	25	38	38	33	29	21	18	12	10	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	156	140	
150–154	44	38	52	39	60	42	63	36	45	23	31	13	13	4	6	0	1	0	2	1	317	196	
145–149	31	11	42	13	61	13	58	18	45	10	31	4	8	1	3	0	1	0	2	0	282	70	
140–144	4	0	17	0	18	0	23	5	16	0	16	0	12	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	110	6	
135–139	1	0	1	0	6	0	10	0	7	0	6	0	6	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	45	0	
130–134	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	0	
125–129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	8	0	
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Total	114	79	144	82	193	100	200	98	141	56	107	30	48	9	18	0	8	0	7	1	980	455	

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