

## University of Dayton School of Law

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### ■ Introduction and Mission

The mission of the School of Law is to enroll a diverse group of intellectually curious, self-disciplined, and well-motivated men and women, and to educate them in the substantive and procedural principles of public and private law. We seek to graduate highly qualified attorneys who will uphold the highest professional standards and recognize that service to others is the chief measure of professional competence.

We are a full-time JD program, providing a distinguished tradition of concern for the individual student in a supportive and professional environment. Our curriculum gives students a foundation in traditional courses but also helps them develop their skills with innovative programs such as our Legal Skills courses and our curricular tracks in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution; Personal and Transactional Law; and Intellectual Property, Cyberlaw and Creativity. Our diverse student body of 450 promotes ample opportunity for one-on-one interaction with faculty, staff, and fellow students, creating an atmosphere of collegiality and active involvement in a myriad of law school organizations. We recently added LLM and MSL programs in Intellectual Property and Technology. The University of Dayton School of Law is accredited by the ABA and is a member of the AALS.

### ■ Keller Hall and the University of Dayton

Joseph E. Keller Hall is a 122,500-square-foot complex featuring a dramatic atrium, a variety of classroom space, and a spacious law library with technology integrated throughout the building. Ready access is provided via our wireless network from virtually any location in the law building. Every seat in the 270,000 volume **Zimmerman Law Library** has a data and power outlet and contains a computer training center where students learn to conduct online and computer-based research. Group study rooms allow students to meet in groups of up to 25.

Founded in 1850, the **University of Dayton** enrolls more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students in a campus setting. Located minutes from the city's center, the campus contains a fitness center and provides student services, on-campus housing, child care, meal plans, and banking. On-campus housing is available for half of the entering law students within three blocks of the law school.

### ■ The Dayton Community

With a population of approximately 950,000, Dayton and the Miami Valley offer the many amenities of larger urban areas while retaining its scenic, lush, and green open spaces. As the birthplace of the Wright Brothers, the city offers a variety of flight-related museums and events, as well as a variety of other cultural and recreational activities. Housing is varied and affordable, as are shopping, restaurants, and entertainment districts. Many state and local parks are available for biking, swimming, hiking, and boating. If students want to explore beyond Dayton, they can reach Cincinnati or Columbus in a 50–75 minute drive, or the quaint towns of Yellow Springs, Waynesville, or Lebanon within a 30 minute drive from campus.

### ■ Curriculum and Programs

**Summer or Fall Start**—Entering students may choose between a May or August start to begin their full load of first-year courses.

**Two-, Two-and-a-half, or Three-year Law Degree**—Studies may be completed in either five semesters (accelerated) or six semesters (traditional). The summer-start combined with the five-semester accelerated study option allows the JD to be earned in only 24 calendar months. Either option allows students at least one summer off, during which students can participate in valuable clerkship opportunities.

**Curricular Tracks**—The three different curricular tracks—Advocacy and Dispute Resolution; Personal and Transactional Law; and Intellectual Property, Cyberlaw and Creativity—provide in-depth knowledge of a particular area of law.

**Capstone Courses**—To bring closure to each track, these courses take the knowledge gained from your track courses and apply it to real-world experience.

**Intrasection Courses**—These one-week courses are taught during the middle week of each semester and are offered in a variety of topics.

**Externships**—These semester-long positions of legal work under the supervision of a licensed attorney allow firsthand experience in a legal career.

**Master of Laws (LLM) in Intellectual Property and Technology Law**—This program is for students who already possess a JD and desire to further their legal expertise in the area of intellectual property.

**Master of Study of Law (MSL) in Intellectual Property and Technology Law**—This program is for students who do not possess a JD but desire to gain an in-depth understanding of intellectual property.

### ■ Faculty

With backgrounds that span a spectrum of legal endeavors, many of our faculty members are known nationally for their expertise and scholarship. As prominent scholars and leaders, our professors transfer their expertise to students both inside and outside of the classroom. Students consistently praise our faculty, not only for their outstanding teaching skills, but also for their constant involvement in, concern for, and support of students' lives. They are also interesting individuals with diverse backgrounds and a variety of experiences.

### ■ Student Life

Collegiality, support, and a positive atmosphere distinguish our student body, which benefits from the diversity of classmates in race, age, gender, and background. Students may participate in organizations that help develop writing, research, and oral advocacy skills; those that speak to their mutual professional interests; or those that provide support of a student's personal and biographical background and interests. Our Student Bar Association is made up of officers and representatives from each class who oversee all student organizations and is the voice of student governance at the law school.

## ■ Career Services and Bar Passage

Our Career Services Office dean and his staff are committed to providing comprehensive career planning and placement services to assist students with identifying and securing positions commensurate with each individual's interests and career goals. Over half of our students are employed in private practice and about one-third find positions in business, industry, the government, or the military. Our graduates are employed in most states and several countries. They take an active interest in the life of the law school, participating in panel discussions, mentor programs, and alumni events, as well as contributing their time and resources to various scholarship and fund-raising activities.

Our graduates have been consistently successful in bar passage and attribute this success to our curriculum as well as to our excellent **Road to Bar Passage Program**. This program involves students from their first year of law school right through to the exam. A series of workshops inform students about bar examinations and how to prepare for them, as well as details about the exam atmosphere and scoring. The program also includes many, many opportunities to practice sample bar exam questions, including not only essays, but also multiple-choice questions and the new practice tests. Thanks to our curriculum and Road to Bar Passage Program, our graduates have been highly successful in passing the Ohio and other states' bar examinations.

## ■ Admission

The Admissions Committee looks for a well-rounded and diverse group of students. Undergraduate GPA and LSAT score are highly considered, but commitment, motivation, leadership, and a breadth and depth of experiences are also a large part of the applicant review. Decisions are made on a rolling basis, beginning November 1 and continuing through late spring.

## ■ Financial Aid

One-third to one-half of the entering class receives scholarships. The majority of our scholarships are merit based, with the goal of diversifying the class also taken into consideration. Renewal of merit scholarships is dependent upon academic performance at the end of the preceding two semesters.

Federal loans up to \$20,500 are also available to our students. Alternative loans may also be used to cover the cost of a legal education, should scholarships and federal loans not do so. Federal and alternative loans are available pending a student's citizenship status and credit rating.

## ■ Prospective Students

Prospective students are encouraged to contact the School of Law Office of Admissions to schedule informational visits or obtain assistance with questions or concerns. The office holds open houses throughout the year, and staff participate in many events off-campus so that students may easily acquire more information. Office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

## Applicant Profile

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This grid includes all full-time applicants who earned LSAT scores on the 120–180 scale under standard test administrations and whose submission files were complete and reviewed by the faculty admission committee.

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		
175–180	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	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
165–169	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	11
160–164	12	12	9	8	13	13	8	8	8	8	8	6	5	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	64	58
155–159	31	30	44	43	48	47	51	48	34	33	18	14	11	3	7	3	0	0	2	0	246	221
150–154	41	38	80	78	109	92	106	95	78	60	50	21	15	1	10	0	3	0	3	1	495	386
145–149	36	17	77	40	104	51	103	25	69	18	54	3	24	0	7	0	3	0	4	0	481	154
140–144	9	2	36	4	40	7	44	6	37	4	25	0	12	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	211	23
135–139	2	0	7	0	15	0	12	0	15	0	15	0	11	0	6	0	4	0	3	0	90	0
130–134	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	5	0	3	0	4	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	20	0
125–129	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	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
Total	135	102	257	175	334	212	328	185	249	125	177	45	83	6	41	3	11	0	16	2	1631	855

The information on this grid should be used as a general guide only. The University of Dayton School of Law Admissions Committee reviews all aspects of the application, including the undergraduate record, letters of recommendation, personal statement and optional diversity statement, work and extracurricular activities, and the breadth and depth of an applicant's personal background and experiences. All of these factors are fully considered before a final decision is made.