

## New York Law School

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### ■ Introduction

New York Law School has developed a unique approach to legal education that it calls *The Right Program for Each Student*. At its core is an acknowledgment that different practice settings require different levels of training. For example, students working in larger organizations with extensive in-house training programs have less need for hands-on training than those who will open a solo practice. Those in larger organizations may need training in a specialized area, while those in general practice may need more breadth and less specialized expertise. The following components of *The Right Program for Each Student* are described on our website: Harlan Scholars Program, Individual Program, Comprehensive Curriculum, and the Professional Development Project.

Founded in 1891, New York Law School is one of the oldest independent law schools in the country. The school is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

### ■ Location/Physical Facilities/Library

New York Law School is located in Manhattan's historic district, TriBeCa, in Lower Manhattan. It is an extraordinary setting for the study of law and one of the city's most colorful and dynamic neighborhoods. Lower Manhattan is the site of New York's largest concentration of government agencies, courts, law firms, banks, corporate headquarters, and securities exchanges. Federal Courts, New York State Civil and Criminal Courts, Family Court, and the Court of International Trade are within a four-block radius of the Law School.

The opening of a striking new building during the 2008–2009 academic year will double the size of the school's facilities and provide the most modern and technologically advanced law building in New York City. This new building will house a four story library—containing more than 500,000 volumes and periodicals, individual and group study space, an auditorium, classrooms, student activity space, and a penthouse dining facility for students.

### ■ Student Life

We are committed to giving students a first-rate law school experience—in and out of the classroom. In return, we demand of them the seriousness of purpose necessary to become ethical professionals—the kind of lawyers sought by clients, law firms, government agencies, advocacy groups, and corporations.

New York Law School has a long-standing and continuing interest in enrolling students from varied backgrounds, including older students, minority students, women, career-changers, and public servants. Students range in age from 20 to 63, with the average age being 26.

### ■ Faculty

The Law School's distinguished full-time faculty is composed of productive scholars who are dedicated educators and who share a strong commitment to the school's vision and philosophy embodied in its core values: embracing innovation, fostering integrity and professionalism, and advancing justice

for a diverse society. A national survey of law faculty scholarship includes them among the 50 most prolific law faculties in the country and notes the significant number of their books that are published by university presses. Leading jurists and attorneys who work in nearby offices are members of the adjunct faculty.

### ■ Curriculum and Special Programs

The required curriculum, composed of the entire first year and part of the second year, provides a foundation in legal reasoning and in areas of law that are considered indispensable building blocks of a legal education. In the second year and thereafter, students may design their programs with elective courses chosen from an extraordinarily rich array.

Elements such as legal analysis and legal writing, counseling, interviewing, negotiating, advocacy, planning, and strategizing form the core subject areas of the school's Lawyering Skills Program. Six clinical programs offer students the opportunity to represent real clients.

Externship and judicial internship programs permit students to do actual lawyering work in law offices.

### ■ Admission

In the admission process, a number of factors are taken into account, including the applicant's academic record and LSAT scores. The admission committee also looks for those applicants who have demonstrated leadership ability, motivation, and a sense of service and responsibility to society. Excellence in a particular field of study, progression of grades, strength of undergraduate curriculum, work and community service experience, graduate study in other disciplines, and extracurricular activities all are considered as well. Writing ability receives particular attention, and the admission committee strongly urges applicants to submit the optional writing sample.

The school seeks to enroll students who, through their diversity of backgrounds, experiences, perspectives, and ambitions, promise to enrich the law school community and, ultimately, the larger society.

### ■ Academic Centers

The Institute for Information Law and Policy is the home for the study of technology, intellectual property, and information law. It includes our Media Law Center and the Program on Law and Journalism. The Institute offers a certificate of mastery in law office technology and a patent bar preparation curriculum.

The Center for New York City Law focuses on governmental and legal processes in the urban setting.

The Center for International Law focuses on legal issues relating to international trade and finance.

The Justice Action Center seeks to develop students' expertise in civil rights and civil liberties law and international human rights.

The Center on Business Law and Policy focuses on business and corporate law.

The Center for Professional Values serves as a vehicle through which to examine the role of the legal profession and alternative approaches to the practice of law.

The Center for Real Estate Studies enables students to study both the private practice and public regulation of real estate.

## ■ Moot Court/Law Journals/Student Organizations

New York Law School students exhibit well-honed courtroom skills, in recent years winning outright three national moot court competitions and earning awards in many others. The school's annual Robert F. Wagner Sr. Labor and Employment Law Competition is one of the nation's largest student-run moot court competitions.

The Law School currently has three scholarly publications, edited and staffed by students, that are an integral part of the Law School's program: *Law Review*, *Journal of International and Comparative Law*, and *Journal of Human Rights*.

Students have established some 32 interest organizations as well.

## ■ Expenses and Financial Aid

New York Law School has established a program of financial aid to assist students in meeting the costs of a legal education through grants, scholarships, work-study awards, and loans. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit and financial need.

## ■ Office of Professional Development

The Office of Professional Development brings together three key student services: Student Life, Career Services, and Public Interest and Community Service. This innovative structure allows us to offer students personal attention from their first day of study to help them pursue their professional goals. The Career Services Office offers a wide array of services, including individual career counseling, on-campus interview programs, career panels and workshops, alumni network and mentoring programs, online employer databases, and information on summer, full- and part-time positions, and alternative career opportunities.

## 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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
170–174	4	4	3	3	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12
165–169	5	5	10	10	14	14	17	16	14	13	12	11	3	1	4	1	0	0	3	3	82	74	
160–164	53	52	79	78	88	88	73	67	32	32	22	17	21	10	7	1	2	0	4	2	381	347	
155–159	108	108	242	240	280	271	251	237	177	153	66	39	32	3	10	2	3	0	15	11	1184	1064	
150–154	140	119	283	199	369	215	341	146	246	66	134	14	61	4	19	0	3	0	20	11	1616	774	
145–149	66	19	178	34	269	47	290	41	173	21	111	3	61	0	20	0	5	0	40	3	1213	168	
140–144	20	0	62	1	115	6	139	3	142	2	67	0	47	0	18	0	5	0	16	0	631	12	
135–139	8	0	23	0	41	0	42	0	46	0	41	0	32	0	12	0	4	0	13	0	262	0	
130–134	0	0	2	0	8	0	12	0	14	0	9	0	10	0	7	0	4	0	7	0	73	0	
125–129	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	5	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	22	1	
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
Total	405	307	883	565	1186	641	1170	513	848	289	466	85	273	18	101	4	28	0	120	30	5480	2452	

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 98% of the total applicant pool.