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■ Introduction

Located on a sprawling 12-acre campus just 20 miles from New York City, Pace University School of Law combines the beauty of open spaces and classic buildings with the convenience of technology and the amenities of a small, vibrant, urban community. Law firms are abundant in White Plains, the federal and district courthouses are close by, and the new City Center has just been built.

The law school is home to the New York State Judicial Institute, an innovative center for judicial education and the only center of its kind in the United States. Students working with the Institute through the Center for Judicial Studies will pursue a rigorous course of study leading to enhanced opportunities for judicial fellowships and clerkships.

Students are attracted nationally and from abroad to our congenial atmosphere, diverse population, and our award-winning centers. Extensive opportunities exist through our clinics, externships, and internships for students to learn practical lawyering skills and to become litigators.

Pace law school has a history of student-centered growth and innovation built on a foundation of deep mutual respect between faculty and students. Students from diverse backgrounds come together to learn lawyering skills, gain vital professional experience, and contribute to the creation of a more just society.

■ Curriculum

The JD program provides students with the fundamental skills necessary for the practice of law nationally, and the flexibility to shape their elective coursework based on particular career goals. The curriculum is based on the concept that rigorous standards and high-quality teaching can coexist with an atmosphere congenial to learning and enjoyment. Students can obtain certificates in Environmental Law and in International Law by completing a sequence of courses with a specified GPA in the applicable area. Pace offers the opportunity to pursue joint degrees in the JD/MBA and JD/MPA programs, as well as the JD/MEM with Yale University School of Forestry, JD/MS in Environmental Policy with Bard College, and the JD/MA in Women's History with Sarah Lawrence College. These programs can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis. Graduate law degrees, an LL.M. in Comparative Legal Studies or Environmental Law, and an SJD in Environmental Law attract attorneys from around the world.

The majority of classes have less than 25 students, which enables close faculty-student relationships. The range of scholarship reflects a faculty of diverse interests, and the curriculum offers courses in traditional areas of legal study, legal theory, and specialized studies. Curricular concentrations include constitutional law, commercial law, corporate law, criminal law and criminal procedure, evidence, family law, litigation, real estate, women's justice, and land use law. Faculty scholarship also covers such specialized areas as the Americans with Disabilities Act, children's legal representation, environmental and toxic torts, equal pay, hazardous waste, health care fraud, international commercial law, land use, legal and ethical issues in health care, nonprofit organizations, prosecutorial and judicial ethics, racially motivated violence, securities fraud, and white-collar crime.

■ Advocacy and Skills Training

The Women's Justice Center is a training, resource, and direct legal services center that trains thousands of judges, attorneys, and others who work to eradicate injustice to women. Pace law students participate in all aspects of the program, including direct representation of clients in family court.

Pace law school has one of the top environmental programs in the country. The program offers over 20 classes in environmental law; opportunities to conduct research in energy and land use law; externships in Washington, DC and New York; and international environmental law classes taught in Brazil.

The Land Use Law Center teaches students to understand how best to develop and conserve the land through research and publications, outreach and community service, and project management and technology.

The Federal Judicial Extern Honors Program allows students to hone their writing skills in a mentoring program with a faculty member, and as judicial externs in a United States district or circuit judge's chambers.

Direct representation clinics enable students to take their extensive classroom training and make the transition to representing clients or prosecuting charges. Students take full responsibility for their own caseloads under the close supervision of a full-time faculty member. In addition, externship programs are clinical courses in which fieldwork is conducted under the supervision of practicing attorneys who are not full-time members of the faculty. Simulation courses give students the opportunity to learn specific components of lawyering work such as written and oral advocacy, interviewing and counseling clients, negotiating, analyzing a trial record, developing strategy, opening and closing arguments, selecting a jury and drafting jury instructions, and preparing and examining witnesses.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The Pace law library is housed in an airy, modern facility, the Gerber Glass Law Center. The law library contains an extensive collection of law and law-related publications, provides access to materials in other libraries in metropolitan New York and throughout the United States, and subscribes to national online research systems such as LexisNexis, Westlaw, and Dialog. Pace law students have free access to these databases from computer terminals distributed throughout the law library, in the student lounge, and from their home computers. A wireless network is available in the law library, classroom buildings, and throughout the campus. The library was recently renovated, and features attractive, comfortable space in which students can study individually or in groups.

■ Financial Aid

A comprehensive aid program has been developed to include scholarships, need-based grants, employment, loans, and a loan forgiveness program for graduates who choose a public interest career. Over 1.8 million dollars have been allocated for first-year students in 2008. These funds may be available on the basis of financial need, academic merit, education costs, or credit considerations.

■ Career Services

The Center for Career Development offers a number of services to students and alumni, including one-to-one counseling and résumé review, panels and programs regarding the many areas of legal practice and specific job opportunities provided through our website, and on-campus interview and résumé collection programs. The center publishes and distributes to all first-year students a comprehensive Legal Employment Guidebook, which provides an overview of the legal employment market, descriptions of the various types of legal employers, and specific legal recruiting information. The staff actively solicits and identifies employment opportunities through targeted mailings and other outreach activities, as well as develops and maintains an extensive collection of resources for students and alumni to use in their job search. Respondents to the 2006 class survey reported 91.3 percent employment within the nine months following graduation.

■ Student Activities

Pace law school publishes three law reviews, the *Pace Law Review*, the *Pace Environmental Law Review*, and the *Pace*

International Law Review. Students compete in interscholastic moot court competitions and host the largest environmental moot court competition in the country. The school offers more than 26 organizations in which students can participate. Available activities include professional organizations, minority student groups, issue-centered organizations, political groups, social action groups, religious groups, a student bar association, and a student newspaper.

■ Interviews/Visits to Campus

Pace seeks students with demonstrated potential to contribute meaningfully to the diversity of the law school community and the legal profession. Pace offers a unique opportunity for candidates to participate in a formal interview as part of the application process.

The law school hosts several open house programs which include tours; discussions with faculty, administrators, and students; and information regarding the admission process, financial aid, placement, and life at Pace law school. For a complete list of our on-campus events, visit our website at www.law.pace.edu.

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	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
170–174	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4
165–169	6	6	6	6	11	11	7	6	7	6	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	36
160–164	22	22	33	33	42	41	29	25	18	17	6	3	10	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	163	142	
155–159	49	47	124	120	140	126	128	109	82	55	39	9	16	3	5	0	3	2	7	4	593	475			
150–154	106	66	183	110	193	96	231	87	149	30	78	4	34	0	15	0	2	0	10	2	1001	395			
145–149	36	10	112	21	158	24	181	11	117	8	60	1	39	0	17	0	1	0	16	3	737	78			
140–144	15	0	34	1	79	1	86	1	72	0	48	0	28	1	7	0	4	0	9	0	382	4			
135–139	6	0	19	0	25	0	33	0	39	0	37	0	20	0	9	0	3	0	2	0	193	0			
130–134	0	0	5	0	4	0	4	0	8	0	13	0	8	0	7	0	1	0	4	0	54	0			
125–129	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	8	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	0	0	
Total	241	152	518	293	652	299	703	239	494	117	284	19	156	5	63	0	15	2	50	9	3176	1135			

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