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■ Introduction

As a result of several decades of sustained intellectual and foundational growth, the University of Connecticut School of Law has emerged as one of the leading public law schools in the United States. Because of Connecticut's extraordinary ratio of full-time students to full-time faculty, 40 percent of the first-year curriculum is offered in seminar format and 70 percent of the advanced courses have 24 or fewer students. An outstanding and accessible faculty, an intensive first-year skills program, a rich and varied curriculum, including dozens of legal clinics, four student-edited journals, student organizations active across the spectrum of legal and social concerns, a regular flow of visiting lecturers, and a committed body of graduates throughout the country combine to make the University of Connecticut a law school of exceptional strength.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The campus, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is arguably the most beautiful in the United States. The library, completed in 1996, is one of the largest legal research and technology centers in the world, with more than 500,000 volumes housed in the 120,000-square-foot facility.

With its immediate neighbors—the Hartford Seminary, the Hartford College for Women, the Connecticut Historical Society, and the Connecticut Attorney General's Office—the school is part of an academic enclave in a turn-of-the-century residential neighborhood.

■ Dual-degree Programs

The law school offers several interdisciplinary programs: JD/LLM in Insurance Law, JD/Master of Business Administration, JD/Master of Library Science (with Southern Connecticut State University), JD/Master of Public Administration, JD/Master of Public Health, and JD/Master of Social Work.

■ International Study Programs

The economic and political realities of globalization place new demands on the graduates of the law school. International law occupies an increasingly prominent place in the curriculum, reinforced by the student-edited *Connecticut Journal of International Law*. The law school has formal and informal study-abroad programs with universities in Aix-Marseille, Berlin, Dublin, Exeter, Israel, Korea, Leiden, London, Mannheim, San Juan, Siena, and Tilburg. These relationships bring a wealth of international visitors to the school. Legal scholars have visited and lectured from Argentina, Bosnia, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, and Ukraine.

The LLM in United States Legal Studies for graduates of foreign law schools provides further opportunity for our students to learn from and study with peers trained in different legal systems.

■ Special Programs

Connecticut was a pioneer in clinical legal education, and our clinics continue to be a distinguishing strength of the school. If you are interested in the way law intersects with other disciplines or with such varied topics as critical identity theory, intellectual property, or European Community law, you will find courses and specialists to meet your needs. Offerings in environmental law are supplemented by a semester exchange program with the Environmental Law Center at Vermont Law School.

The **Center for Children's Advocacy, Inc.**, a nonprofit corporation housed at the law school, works on behalf of the legal rights of underprivileged children. The **Connecticut Urban Legal Initiative, Inc.**, another nonprofit corporation housed at the law school, involves law students and the bar in identifying neighborhood problems that typify urban blight and devising strategies to address them. The **Insurance Law Center** offers a specialized insurance curriculum with its LLM program, innovative research initiatives on the role of insurance in law and society, conferences and workshops, and the student-edited *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal*.

The **Intellectual Property Certificate Program**, for students with a special interest in IP law, exposes participants to a broad curriculum of courses, from classes on patent, trademark, and copyright law to specialized seminars, including those in art law, cyberlaw, and European Union IP law. The **Tax Certificate Program** affords an opportunity to participate in a supervised writing project, externship, or clinic in the area of tax law. Participants in the Certificate Program may begin their tax studies in Federal Income Taxation in their first year and continue the study of taxation in a variety of courses during the last four semesters of law school. A new **Human Rights Certificate Program** offers students the opportunity to work with world-renowned experts at the law school and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in a demanding and varied interdisciplinary study of global affairs and social justice. The law school has also created a new **Law and Public Policy Certificate Program**, a flexible program in which students may enroll in a diverse collection of courses with faculty at the law school and within the University of Connecticut's Department of Public Policy.

■ Student Activities

Selected students may participate in four student-edited journals: the *Connecticut Law Review*, the *Connecticut Journal of International Law*, the *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal*, and the *Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal*.

The **Connecticut Moot Court Board** provides students with the opportunity to practice oral advocacy in intramural and interscholastic competitions. Participants have placed extremely well in regional, national, and international competitions.

The **Student Bar Association** is the representative student government of the school. It manages an annual budget consisting of funds derived from the student activities fee and university tuition to support the various student organizations and to generally enhance the quality of student life. Under the governance of the Student Bar, a large number of student-run

organizations, reflecting the diversity of our students, have active chapters on campus.

■ Career Services

Connecticut operates a comprehensive career services office for the benefit of students and alumni/ae. The school offers a large and geographically diverse on-campus interviewing program, extensive individual and group counseling, a resource library, job listings, mentor programs, employment information sessions, newsletters, and job bulletins. The school also participates in several off-site job fairs (www.law.uconn.edu/careers/employers).

Within six months of graduation, 94.5 percent of the class of 2006 were employed, including 13.4 percent in judicial clerkships.

■ Services for Students With Disabilities

The director of student services at the School of Law works with students with disabilities in the development and implementation of reasonable accommodations to allow access to both its physical facilities and its educational and extracurricular programs. Dr. Jane Thierfeld Brown serves in this capacity.

Students with disabilities who are considering applying or who have been admitted to the School of Law are invited to tour the campus. Students may contact the dean's office for discussion of accommodations.

Applicant Profile

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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	4	4	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	
170–174	9	7	8	6	6	2	3	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	17	
165–169	27	18	30	17	27	14	22	6	15	5	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	128	60		
160–164	72	21	120	46	111	40	77	23	40	10	20	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	6	1	449	142		
155–159	97	19	185	30	167	28	101	9	41	4	15	1	8	0	3	0	0	0	12	1	629	92		
150–154	62	9	86	7	134	14	85	6	48	5	23	1	4	0	2	0	0	0	7	1	451	43		
145–149	23	0	63	0	56	1	54	2	28	2	19	0	12	0	0	0	2	0	7	0	264	5		
140–144	9	1	19	1	23	0	34	2	23	1	18	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	134	5		
135–139	2	0	7	0	10	0	9	0	7	0	10	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	60	0		
130–134	0	0	0	0	4	0	11	0	5	0	4	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	32	0		
125–129	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0		
120–124	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0		
Total	305	79	518	107	540	99	401	49	212	27	119	4	41	0	15	0	2	0	43	3	2196	368		

Apps = Number of Applicants
Adm = Number Admitted

This grid includes only full-time applicants with LSAT scores earned under standard administrations (99% of all full-time applicants).