

Elon University School of Law

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■ Introduction

Founded in 2006, Elon University School of Law is building on Elon's reputation as the nation's top-ranked university for engaged learning and leadership education. The law school received provisional approval from the American Bar Association in June 2008, and its graduates are qualified to seek admission to the bar in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

■ Location

Elon University School of Law is located in downtown Greensboro, North Carolina, the third largest city in North Carolina, with a regional population of about 1.5 million. The law school is located at the center of the area's legal community, including major law firms, government offices, and district and federal courts. The downtown area also provides a rich cultural environment, with restaurants, music venues, museums and theatres, a new minor league baseball stadium, and recreational facilities. All law students are provided free memberships to a new YMCA just a few blocks from the law school.

■ Advisory Board

The law school's advisory board includes prominent judges, attorneys, and business leaders who advise the university in shaping the vision for the school and its future development. The board is chaired by David Gergen, who held positions in the administrations of Presidents Nixon, Ford, Reagan, and Clinton. The board also includes two former North Carolina governors, three former North Carolina Supreme Court chief justices, a former president of the American Bar Association, and a former US ambassador.

■ Curriculum

The law school operates on a 4-1-4 semester model. Fall and spring semesters last approximately four months, and the winter term spans the month of January. Students take a wide array of required courses and electives, and each student selects at least one of four concentrations in their second year: Business, Litigation, Public Interest, and General Practice.

■ Leadership Emphasis

Over the course of the three-year program, Elon Law incorporates the best of leadership education through courses, community activities, and capstone experiences. Elon lawyers will begin their careers as knowledgeable, self-aware, skillful, and innovative professionals. The Joseph M. Bryan Distinguished Leadership Lecture Series brings accomplished leaders from a variety of disciplines to Elon to share their experiences and perspectives.

■ Preceptor Program

More than 50 volunteer attorneys serve annually as preceptors to Elon's first-year law students. As professional advisers, they observe and provide feedback to students about their classroom performances and invite students to accompany

them to observe trials or initial client interviews, depositions, and mediations. Through these experiences, students are mentored and guided in their professional development and entry to the legal profession.

■ Engaged Learning and CELL

Elon law professors employ various methods of instruction including Socratic, group presentations, projects, and problem method, actively engaging students in their studies. To facilitate the faculty's development as excellent teachers and their ability to tap students' potential for learning, the law school has established the Center for Engaged Learning in the Law (CELL). Through teaching meetings, workshops, and a blog, this center engages law faculty and students at Elon and at law schools across the country in a dialogue about improving legal education and consistently engaging law students in their education.

■ Law Library

The depth and breadth of the Elon Law library collection compares favorably with more established law schools and is considerably larger than typical academic law libraries at their earliest stage of development. Students may access a wide variety of digital and online databases from both on and off campus locations. The collection is designed to specifically support the four practice-area concentrations with additional emphasis in the areas of leadership and professional ethics. The library, like the rest of the law school building, is served by a wireless network with full, high-speed Internet access.

■ Facilities

The School of Law is located in the four-floor, 84,000-square-foot H. Michael Weaver Building, specially designed to support Elon's engaged approach to legal education. Elon Law is one of only a few schools in the nation to house a working court. The North Carolina Business Court uses the school's high-tech courtroom, and the court's offices are also located within the building, giving students the opportunity to observe and interact with judges and attorneys. The building also includes full wireless network access, tiered classrooms with extensive multimedia capabilities, a spacious and comfortable library, and a coffee bar and welcoming common area for students.

■ Career Services

The Career Services Office serves as a liaison with legal employers and students in North Carolina and beyond and provides a wide array of services. The office provides career programming and skills workshops for students and coordinates on-campus interviewing sessions, résumé requests, and job fair participation on national and state levels. As of November 2008, several members of the class of 2009 had already secured employment for after graduation, and students have had significant success in securing internships with judges, law firms, and other legal employers during the summer and academic year.

■ Admissions

Each year, the law school seeks to enroll a talented and diverse class of approximately 120 students. Early decision applicants receive decisions by December 31. Regular decision applications are accepted throughout the admissions cycle and decisions on these applications are made on a rolling basis throughout this period, with most decisions made by the middle of April. Prospective students are encouraged to visit the school to speak with an admissions professional, tour the law school with a student ambassador, and visit a class.

■ Financial Planning

Financial aid is available to law students in the form of scholarships and loans. A large percentage of students, approximately 75 percent of each entering class, receive scholarship awards. Merit scholarships are awarded based on applicants' potential for outstanding contribution to the law school, the legal profession, and society. Financial need will also be considered and can be explained in a letter to the law school's scholarship committee requesting consideration for an award. Many law students participate in federal loan programs such as subsidized Federal Stafford Loans, unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans, and GradPlus Loans.

Applicant Profile

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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
175-180	■								
170-174	■								
165-169	■								
160-164	■								
155-159	■								
150-154	■								
145-149									
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130-134									
125-129									
120-124									

■ Good Possibility □ Possible □ Unlikely