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■ Welcome

Case Western Reserve University School of Law has responded to the growing complexities of the ever-changing legal, social, and economic environments by implementing major curricular reforms. The result is an innovative program that provides our students with an enhanced classical legal education, an extensive array of hands-on learning (nearly 500 spaces in skills courses alone), opportunities for in-depth study in key fields, extensive coursework in emerging and leading-edge areas of the law (close to 150 upper-level courses, the vast majority of which have fewer than 25 students), an understanding of the context in which legal matters and disputes take place, knowledge of other disciplines that can be used to solve legal problems, and unique methods of instruction.

■ The Curriculum and Concentrations

Shape the Law; Serve the World: We guide our students to become lawyers who help clients achieve their strategic goals by serving as their partners and counselors, and who take leadership roles in their communities and address key societal issues. The centerpiece of our curriculum is the four-semester CaseArc program, which coordinates experientially based instruction in fundamental lawyering skills with traditional classroom methods for teaching legal analysis.

Capstone Service Opportunities: We offer a capstone service opportunity for every student. Our seven labs, four clinics, and eight externship programs offer students the opportunity not only to study the law in practice, but also to contribute to its development. Just a few examples: submit a memorandum for prosecutors in the International Criminal Court in The Hague, the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, or the Cambodia Tribunal through our International War Crimes Research Lab; do research for the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in our Global Corporate Governance Lab; assist US attorneys in prosecuting civil and criminal matters through our US Attorney Externships; or conduct an examination of a medical expert in a social security disability claim in the Health Law Clinic.

Optional Concentration Program: Our Concentration Program offers in-depth learning in an area of interest and of value to employers seeking increased contributions from new lawyers. Options: Law and Technology, Law and the Arts, Criminal Law, Business Organizations, Litigation, Health Law, International Law, Individual Rights and Social Reform, and Public and Regulatory Institutions.

Dual-degree Programs: Law, Management, Bioethics, Social Work, Biochemistry, Medicine, Nonprofit Management, Public Health, Legal History, and Political Science.

■ Centers of Excellence

The Academic Centers of Excellence provide rich opportunities that stimulate learning, networking, and career development, and include first-year electives, special seminars and symposia, clinical opportunities, internships, and work-abroad opportunities.

- Center for Business Law and Regulation
- Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Conflict and Dispute Resolution
- Center for Law, Technology, and the Arts
- Center for Professional Ethics
- Center for Social Justice
- Frederick K. Cox International Law Center
- Law-Medicine Center
- Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center

■ Work and Study Abroad

Our students have far-ranging opportunities to work abroad and to receive generous stipends that support their international internships. Each year, we fund approximately 20 international law-related summer internships and postgraduate fellowships for work abroad or in the US with an international organization, a governmental agency, or nonprofit agency. Just a sampling of recent placements:

- International Bar Association, London, UK
- International Trade Centre, Geneva, Switzerland
- Special Court for Sierra Leone, Prosecutor's Office, Sierra Leone
- Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, India
- Department of Defense, Arlington, VA
- Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- Khasawneh and Associates, Dubai
- Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey, Shanghai, China
- International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Arusha, Tanzania
- International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia Defense Counsel, The Hague, Netherlands

The law school also offers a number of stipends for summer internships in environmental and health law, as well as for public interest and social justice internships.

■ The University and Cleveland

Case Western Reserve University stands among the nation's foremost independent research institutions. It is 20th among private universities in federal research and development awards and has an endowment of well over \$1 billion. The law school is located on the university's campus in the heart of University Circle—a collection of nearly 40 cultural, medical, educational, religious, and social service institutions in a park-like setting on 500-plus acres of land.

Cleveland is a world corporate center for leading national and multinational companies that specialize in transportation, insurance, retail, commercial banking, and finance. It is the headquarters for several of the nation's largest law firms and home to a number of foreign consulates. It is also a city of medicine with dozens of Cleveland hospitals and medical centers, including University Hospitals of Cleveland, the Cleveland Clinic, MetroHealth Medical Center, and other facilities with international reputations for outstanding patient care and contributions to medical research.

Unique neighborhoods are within walking distance of campus and offer students and young professionals modern and safe places to live, shop, dine, network, and socialize.

Housing is also very affordable. A recent student survey indicated that the average per person monthly rent for a single was \$700, \$450 for shared accommodations, and \$900 for family accommodations.

■ Commitment to Career Success

The Career Services Office (CSO) has implemented an ambitious program that delivers to our students real job opportunities with leading employers coast to coast. Our aggressive approach to employer development and outreach has resulted in great job success for our graduates: a 96.7 percent employment rate for our class of 2007 (national average: 94.2 percent); a median salary of \$77,000 for our class of 2007 (national median: \$65,748); 50 percent of our students employed through a CSO-sponsored program (national figure: 41 percent); and over 63 percent of our graduates working out of state (national figure: 35 percent placement outside of the law school's state). Over 400 employers participate in our fall recruitment programs, which include on-campus interviews as well as interview programs in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Boston, and Washington, DC.

■ Student Activities and Leadership

There are over 40 student organizations reflecting the wide range of our students' interests, including the largest school-based Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in the country. Our student organizations not only allow students the opportunity to explore legal interests with peers, but also provide a valuable proving ground for leadership skill development. Our student organization leaders have also taken leadership roles in their groups' national and regional organizations, including the Black

Law Students Association, Students for Work/Life Balance, Lambda Law Student Association, and Student Health Law Association, just to name a few. Our scholarly journals are the *Case Western Reserve Law Review*, the *Journal of International Law*, and *Health Matrix: Journal of Law-Medicine*.

■ Admission and Financial Aid

The Admission Process—Our admission process is selective. Each applicant receives full-file review. The Early Decision program application deadline is November 15; applicants are notified by December 20. The regular admission process begins in December and concludes by May 15, at which time a summer wait-list is established. The application fee for candidates who apply electronically is waived.

Financial Aid and Scholarships—Each year, we offer Academic Scholarships ranging from \$5,000 to full tuition; Leadership Grants, awarded to students with unique backgrounds whose records demonstrate leadership qualities and who will enrich the diversity of the student body; interest area scholarships; and up to two Law-Medicine Fellowships, which provide a combination of scholarship aid and summer research fellowship.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program—We provide financial assistance for selected graduates who use their legal training to provide services that are in the public interest.

■ Visiting Case Western Reserve University School of Law

We offer many opportunities for prospective students to visit the law school. Just check our website to take our "Virtual Tour" or check the schedule for the annual Open House, daily "Taste of Case," or individual visit that is most convenient for you.

Applicant Profile

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This grid includes only applicants who earned 120–180 LSAT scores.

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	Below 2.50
165–180	Good Possibility					Possibility	
163–164	Good Possibility					Possibility	
161–162	Good Possibility					Possibility	
159–160	Good Possibility					Possibility	
157–158	Good Possibility			Possibility		Slight Possibility	
154–156	Good Possibility		Possibility		Slight Possibility		
150–153	Good Possibility		Possibility		Slight Possibility		
Below 150	Good Possibility		Possibility		Slight Possibility		

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