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■ Introduction

Temple Law School is recognized both nationally and internationally as a leader in legal education. We offer both day and evening programs, and students may enroll on either a full- or part-time basis. Our innovative student-centered curriculum integrates both critical thinking and practical legal skills and has been developed in response to new realities and new challenges, such as globalization, technology, and interdisciplinary studies. Students at Temple build lawyering skills both in the classroom and in the law firms, courts, public service agencies, and financial institutions of Philadelphia, a major legal, commercial, and cultural center. Our students, faculty, and alumni are shaping the law at every level and are making an impact in Philadelphia, the United States, and around the world.

■ Student Body and Faculty

Temple students are bright, dynamic, and diverse. They come from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines. Many have traveled and lived in other countries, and their real-life experiences vitalize classroom discussion. A recent entering class hailed from 146 colleges and universities, and from 37 states and foreign countries. Fourteen percent had earned advanced degrees, and over 70 percent had at least one year of work experience before entering law school. Twenty-four percent were minority students, and 48 percent were women.

The faculty is an extraordinary group who are recognized throughout the world as legal experts, scholars, and policy-makers. Their breadth of experience in virtually every area of practice brings a rich and distinctive quality to classroom discussions. While their accomplishments are many, it is their commitment to teaching that many students note as their greatest achievement.

■ Curriculum

Temple is consistently recognized for its prizewinning trial advocacy programs, including the distinction of being the only two-time winner of the American College of Trial Lawyers Emil Gumpert Award for Excellence in Teaching Trial Advocacy. Temple's record in law school trial competitions is unmatched, having won an unparalleled 20 consecutive regional National Trial Competition championships, 5 national championships, 14 invitational tournaments, and scoring more mock trial competition points than any other law school. Temple's successful trial advocacy curriculum includes the innovative Integrated Program, which combines the teaching of trial advocacy, evidence, and civil procedure. Experienced faculty, innovative teaching methods, and extensive clinical offerings set Temple's program high above the rest.

Temple students have access to an extensive array of programs to prepare them to practice law in an increasingly global society. Temple's strength in international law includes opportunities for summer study in Rome, Italy; semester-abroad programs in Tokyo, Japan; Beijing, China; Cork, Ireland; Tel Aviv, Israel; and Utrecht, the Netherlands; a Master of Laws program for international students holding foreign law degrees; and active student organizations, such as an

international law journal and the International Law Society. Temple's strong reputation in international law has been enhanced by the JD/LLM in Transnational Law for American law students; an LLM program in Beijing, China, in which Chinese lawyers study American law; and the creation of the Institute for International Law and Public Policy. Students may also design individualized study-abroad options at law schools around the world.

Temple is a pioneer in the uncharted territory of intellectual property and technology law, preparing students to learn and succeed in the virtual world. Temple has expanded the boundaries of traditional intellectual property law by integrating bodies of law that focus on the rapid expansion of the Internet, electronic commerce, biotechnologies, and other newly emerging legal issues. With faculty members who are experts in the field, and through hands-on activities outside the classroom, such as a writing for a journal specializing in technology law and participating on the Intellectual Property Law Moot Court Team, students learn how to meet the challenges of practicing law in a world without borders.

Temple offers superior training in business and tax law, including a creative program that combines the teaching of professional responsibility, substantive law courses, and business skills, such as interviewing, negotiating, and drafting. Prospective business lawyers can also pursue a JD/LLM in Taxation or, in conjunction with the Fox School of Business and Management, pursue a dual JD/MBA degree, or earn a certificate in business law.

Public service is a Temple tradition. The Office of Public Interest Programs is the focal point for public interest activities at the law school. Students provide legal services in the Philadelphia area through the extensive clinical program, the Temple Legal Aid Office, and various volunteer and community outreach programs. Public interest careers are supported by the Student Public Interest Network, which provides grants for summer internships; the Public Interest Scholars Program, which provides scholarships to entering students with a demonstrated commitment to public service; and the Barrack Public Interest Fellowships, a loan repayment assistance program for graduates in public interest jobs.

The curriculum is anchored by the first-year legal research and writing program. Instruction in law schools is founded on the notion of teaching each student to think like an attorney. Temple's legal research and writing program is a two-semester course of study that teaches the basics of writing and speaking like a lawyer. Students learn basic legal research techniques and the fundamentals of legal writing. It is one of the most intensive and advanced programs of its kind in the country and is rated as one of the best in the nation.

■ Technology and Facilities

Located in the heart of a thriving, urban university, the law school complex consists of three recently renovated buildings designed to provide students with a state-of-the-art educational environment. "Smart" classrooms equipped with cutting-edge technology, including video, audio, and Internet access, allow faculty to use technology in all of the classrooms. The law school's "anytime, anywhere" computer access program includes a combination of wired and wireless network access,

wired study carrels, and state-of-the-art computer labs. The faculty and administration regularly communicate with students via e-mail, and the law school uses a sophisticated course management system that allows the faculty to post assignments, syllabi, announcements, and links to a variety of additional resources for each class.

■ Student Activities

Students are an integral part of policy making and governance at the law school. The Student Bar Association is the governing organization that oversees the more than 30 student organizations that flourish at Temple, including the Black Law Students Association, the Latino Law Students Association, the Asian/Pacific Islander American Law Student Association, the Women’s Law Caucus, and OUTLaw. Student publications include the *Temple Law Review*; the *Temple Journal of Science, Technology, and Environmental Law*; the *Temple International and Comparative Law Journal*; and the *Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review*. Students who excel in advocacy may participate in the National Trial Team or the Moot Court Honor Society.

■ Career Planning

Temple students are poised and ready to succeed in every sector of the legal job market, having acquired unique practical training that other schools don’t offer. As graduates, they carry a strong reputation for being able to hit the ground running, confident and prepared to practice law in the field of their choice. The Career Planning Office assists students with the development of strategies for securing employment and

provides the resources necessary to supplement each student’s individualized job search. Through the school’s online career planning manager, students can search job postings, participate in various recruiting programs, and apply for jobs. In addition, one-on-one career counseling is available, and workshops and programs are offered to assist students in sharpening their job-search skills, including résumé writing, networking, and interviewing. Temple alumni are working in all 50 states and around the world. The 2007 graduating class had a placement rate of 92 percent.

■ Admission and Financial Aid

Temple has a highly competitive admission process, which is designed to look at the whole person. The faculty Admissions Committee carefully evaluates each application and is committed to admitting the very best from a pool of talented applicants. In keeping with Temple’s commitment to diversity and its mission of offering opportunities to students who might otherwise be precluded from pursuing a high-quality legal education, the committee may consider an application under its discretionary admission process, the Sp.A.C.E. program. Under this program, the committee carefully selects applicants who have outstanding performance records and exceptional aptitudes for the study and practice of law that are not necessarily reflected by grades and LSAT scores alone.

The financial aid program supports the admission process with a combination of loans and both need- and merit-based scholarships, including the Beasley Scholars program, Conwell Law Scholarships, Law Faculty Scholarships, the Rubin-Presser Public Interest Scholars program, and First Year Scholar Awards.

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
170–180	11	11	26	25	22	22	15	14	7	4	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	87	80
165–169	71	71	98	95	79	77	77	70	20	18	9	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	4	3	363	341
160–164	233	211	346	302	332	274	211	129	72	39	29	8	15	5	2	0	2	0	13	6	1255	974
155–159	171	65	296	105	318	90	251	55	108	29	35	10	12	0	1	0	1	0	21	3	1214	357
150–154	75	7	167	20	179	13	155	16	76	2	31	2	20	0	6	0	1	0	19	3	729	63
145–149	31	3	70	2	85	1	111	2	72	0	29	0	22	0	4	0	4	0	9	1	437	9
140–144	20	0	33	0	35	0	69	0	53	0	29	0	9	0	7	0	1	0	9	0	265	0
Below 140	4	0	15	0	17	0	28	0	28	0	36	0	23	0	10	0	3	0	8	0	172	0
Total	616	368	1051	549	1067	477	917	286	436	92	201	28	108	8	30	0	12	0	84	16	4522	1824

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.