

Florida Coastal School of Law

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■ Introduction

Fully accredited by the ABA, Florida Coastal School of Law offers the finest legal education, coupling traditional approaches with practical, real world perspectives. Led by exceptional, internationally accomplished faculty, Coastal Law creates an innovative educational experience that produces first-rate lawyers with uncompromised ethics and sharp legal skills. In addition to providing a time-honored, fully accredited legal education, Coastal Law offers mentorship and that realistic, experience-based approach you simply won't find anywhere else.

■ Our Students

Our students work closely with faculty members who not only share their legal expertise, but also their experiences, perspectives, and expansive networks. We believe our supportive learning environment makes a difference in students' educational experiences and personal growth, ultimately giving them an edge in professional preparation. Our objective is to graduate students with not only the highest degree of practical preparation, critical knowledge, and legal skills, but also the time management, judgment, and interpersonal skills necessary to succeed.

■ Our Faculty

Coastal Law's more than 60 full-time faculty members represent approximately 50 ABA-accredited law schools from across the country including Harvard University, George Washington University, Duke University, Georgetown University, Columbia University, New York University, and the University of Florida. Together, they boast international legal and academic accomplishments, from authoring dozens of case books and articles to counseling the Iraqi Constitutional Commission and advising the United Nations' war crimes tribunal in The Hague. Further, as former judges, government officials, general and in-house counsel, corporate executives, and attorneys practicing in law firms, they offer realistic legal perspectives.

■ Our City

Coastal Law is located in Jacksonville, which was named among the "Top 5 Up and Coming Areas of 2006" by *Good Morning America* and among the "Top 10 Places to Live" by *Money Magazine*. Jacksonville is a metropolitan center of more than one million people, including one of the youngest populations in Florida. Boasting 68 miles of ocean coastline, 300 miles of riverfront, and one of the largest park systems in the country, it offers an outstanding array of outdoor activities of all types. Dotted with unique neighborhoods, exceptional arts, entertainment, culture, and a variety of professional sports, including NFL, PGA Tour, LPGA, ATP Tennis, and baseball, Jacksonville will provide you with the idyllic setting for a legal education while you enjoy warm winters and beach-filled summers.

■ Curriculum and Certificate Programs

Among the many advantages that set Coastal Law apart from our comparator schools is the curriculum, which allows our students to align career choices with specialized areas of expertise. A certificate program is a formal course of study within the curriculum that is comparable to a college major. Successful completion of a certificate program not only represents significant learning, but can also exhibit to potential employers a student's dedication to the corresponding practice area. Coastal Law offers five certificate programs: Sports Law; Family Law; International and Comparative Law; Environmental Law; and Advanced Legal Research, Writing, and Drafting.

■ Bar Preparation and Success

Coastal Law's average bar passage rate for first-time takers in Florida over the last five years surpassed the state average. In 2005, the school's bar passage rate ranked number 1 among Florida law schools and, more recently, in 2008, exceeded that rate by more than 8 points. To ensure these results and other future successes, we work with students to identify personal learning styles and customize time management skills. Coastal Law students also have open access to our academic success counselors and to bar preparation classes and study groups. Coastal provides every student with the resources required to succeed academically, on the bar exam, and as they transition into practice.

■ Closing Invitation From the Dean

The basic curriculum and the traditional three-year time period required for legal education have remained very constant for more than a century. However, it is more important than ever that a law school take maximum advantage of this limited time to prepare its graduates to enter the profession well equipped. At Florida Coastal School of Law, the study of law blends acquiring a comprehensive knowledge of the law with developing the critical thinking and practical skills essential to its practice. Ensuring the careful balance of each of these components is an integral part of the educational process we deliver.

We believe the essential hallmarks of a successful legal education include rigorous academic coursework, use of technology, infusion of practical skills training, frequent feedback, and valuing student needs by listening and responding to them. We further believe that this approach is essential to success on the bar exam and will better position our graduates to be successful lawyers.

To determine whether Florida Coastal School of Law is right for you, feel free to contact any member of our law school community—students, graduates, and faculty members—and ask them about their experiences here. We also welcome visitors and encourage campus tours.

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	
175–180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
170–174	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
165–169	6	6	2	2	2	2	4	4	5	3	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	24	20	
160–164	23	20	46	42	29	27	36	30	19	16	23	17	7	4	2	2	1	0	2	1	188	159	
155–159	104	92	200	187	162	144	146	132	108	92	82	73	26	18	6	3	1	0	3	2	838	743	
150–154	185	167	319	298	412	376	298	259	251	213	156	125	49	28	20	8	2	0	11	1	1703	1475	
145–149	110	98	225	188	347	271	363	249	242	102	129	52	67	10	26	3	9	0	17	8	1535	981	
140–144	22	10	75	28	159	37	217	38	186	15	154	12	68	0	29	1	6	0	12	2	928	143	
135–139	7	0	30	3	47	3	55	1	52	2	54	1	41	0	21	0	4	0	13	0	324	10	
130–134	0	0	3	0	10	0	14	0	19	0	22	0	16	0	7	0	1	0	4	0	96	0	
125–129	0	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	4	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	21	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	
Total	457	393	902	749	1170	860	1137	713	886	443	628	282	276	60	114	18	24	0	65	14	5659	3532	

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the applicant pool.