

## Regent University School of Law

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### ■ Introduction

Regent University is distinctive among ABA-approved law schools because of its integration of Christian principles into the curriculum. It is this balance of professional legal training and affirmation of biblical principles that enables Regent graduates to provide excellent legal counsel to their clients while carrying forth the mission of the university—Christian Leadership to Change the World. More than 4,500 students are pursuing degrees at Regent University. The law school is composed of approximately 450 students. Regent University is situated on a stately, Georgian-style campus in Virginia Beach, minutes from the Atlantic Ocean, less than a two-hour drive from Richmond, and less than four hours from Washington, DC.

### ■ Christian Distinction

The foremost distinction of Regent Law School is its Christian perspective. The School of Law is unique in that its mission embraces a Christian world-view, while affirming the faith of individual students. This mission provides a strong basis for teaching the highest ethical standards for lawyers. The mission also helps make Regent a great overall experience for students. Princeton Review consistently ranks Regent Law School in the top 10 for quality of student life.

### ■ Academic Program/Legal Skills

Regent Law School places great emphasis on developing practical lawyering skills. Courses have been designed to provide in-depth training and opportunities to develop these skills. Regent law students have enjoyed tremendous success in student competitions. Our recent national awards include: 2008 ABA Regional Moot Court Champions, 2008 BLSA International Negotiation Competition Champions, 2007 ABA National Negotiation Champions, 2006 ABA Moot Court National Champions, and 2006 Best Brief in the National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The practical lawyering skills and strong ethical values of Regent graduates have enabled them to successfully obtain employment with top law firms, federal and state courts, business and technology companies, and national public interest law firms. Ten percent of our 2008 graduating class secured judicial clerkships.

### ■ Clinical Opportunities—Public Interest Law

Regent law students are noted for their commitment to public service, constitutional law, and equal justice. The School of Law provides opportunities for hands-on, student-client contact through our Civil Litigation Clinic. Additionally, the School of Law enjoys a special relationship with the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), the nation's foremost public interest law firm defending religious liberties. Selected law students may obtain volunteer and paid positions to assist ACLJ staff attorneys involved in profamily and proliberty cases and may participate in a semester-in-DC program with ACLJ attorneys.

### ■ Full- and Part-time Programs

The School of Law offers full- and part-time, 90-semester-hour juris doctor programs, in-residence only. Students in the full-time program normally complete their degrees in three years; part-time students complete their degrees in four to five years.

### ■ Admission and the Bar

Applicants to the School of Law are required to submit a personal statement as part of the admission process. This personal statement is considered very carefully along with the applicant's LSAT score(s), undergraduate record, résumé, and letters of recommendation. The School of Law is committed to considering the entire application in the decision process, ultimately offering admission to prospective students who present a strong likelihood for success in law school. This commitment has resulted in a diverse student body. Applications from prospective students with LSAT scores of 150 and above and UGPAs above 3.0 are especially encouraged, as the School of Law has evidence that such students are very likely to succeed in law school and are also very likely to pass the bar exam on their first attempt. Regent's first-time bar passage rate for all graduates (1987–2007) is as follows: for LSAT scores at or above 150, 79 percent; at or above 155, 88 percent; and at or above 160, 91 percent.

### ■ Academic Assistance

Regent Law School is on the cutting edge in offering academic assistance to its students. The School of Law employs two faculty members, a director and associate director of academic success, who oversee the three components of the school's Academic Success Program. Under the first component, the school invites selected first-year students to attend a two-week program as a condition for admission into the school. The program, which occurs in late summer right before orientation for all incoming students, helps students develop excellent law school study skills and introduces them to selected areas of the law in small sections taught by members of the full-time faculty. Under the second component, the school offers study skills workshops during the spring and fall semesters. As the third component, the associate director meets one-on-one with students to provide individualized counseling on how to improve their study strategies. The second and third components are available to all students. Student feedback on the school's Academic Success Program has been very positive.

### ■ The Law Library

Immediately adjacent to the School of Law and occupying the entire third floor of the library building, the newly renovated Law Library features 140 carrels in secluded study areas, as well as areas for group interaction, with both LAN and WiFi connections throughout for accessing essential legal research databases. With holdings of over 396,000 volumes and equivalents, the library's collection strengths are constitutional law and history, legal history, jurisprudence, law and faith, philosophy of law, international human rights, and family law.

■ International Law and Summer-abroad/Exchange Programs

The School of Law has established the *Regent Journal of International Law* and has a very active International Law Society. The *Journal* is jointly edited by students from Regent Law School and our Korean sister school, Handong International Law School, making it truly an international journal. In addition, Regent offers many opportunities for students interested in international law and overseas study. The law school hosts a summer program in Strasbourg, France, focusing on international law and human rights. Regent faculty and other distinguished scholars and attorneys, such as former US Attorney General John Ashcroft, teach in the program. A summer program in Haifa and Jerusalem, Israel, began in the summer of 2008; this program focuses on issues of international law and the State of Israel, and provides a hermeneutical comparison of biblical and Qur’anic law. Regent also offers semester-abroad opportunities. Students may spend a semester studying international law at Handong International Law School in South Korea. The School of Law has created student-exchange programs with Spanish universities in Barcelona and Madrid. Students are able to spend a semester in Spain and take subjects such as civil law and international private law. The School of Law has also approved a study-abroad agreement with Shantou University in China. Under the agreement, Regent students will be able to study law in English at Shantou and Regent will welcome visiting students from Shantou.

■ Housing

Regent law students may choose from a variety of on- and off-campus housing options. Regent Village and Regent Commons offer convenient and quality housing within walking distance to the law school. On-campus housing options include efficiency; quad; and one-, two-, and three-bedrooms; as well as a safe, friendly atmosphere.

Housing applications are provided to admitted candidates only. Rates are comparable to or less than similar apartment complexes in the nearby vicinity.

■ Financial Aid

The School of Law is committed to helping students finance their legal education by awarding approximately \$2.7 million in scholarships and grants, ranging from \$500 to full tuition. In recent years, approximately 70 percent of law students received some type of scholarship or grant. Typically, admitted candidates with LSAT scores greater than or equal to 160, UGPAs greater than or equal to 3.0, and personal goals evidencing a calling toward Christian leadership and service have been awarded academic merit scholarships ranging from 80 to 100 percent of tuition costs. Other scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic promise and other factors indicative of potential for law school success. Regent also provides grant assistance for qualified students who are called to serve minority communities upon graduation. Students not awarded financial assistance the first year of law school may qualify for assistance in future years based on academic performance. Residents of Virginia may also qualify for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant. Regent provides a student loan repayment assistance program (LRAP) for qualified graduates practicing in the area of public interest law. A variety of loan options, including Stafford and Graduate PLUS, are available to meet the tuition and living expenses related to law school.

■ Campus Visitations

Campus visitations: [www.regent.edu/lawvisitation](http://www.regent.edu/lawvisitation).

The Office of Admissions encourages prospective student visits. To RSVP for campus visitations or to arrange a visit to the law school, please e-mail [lawschool@regent.edu](mailto:lawschool@regent.edu) or telephone 757.352.4584.

Applicant Profile

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

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									
146–149									
120–145									

Strong Possibility
  Possible
  Unlikely

This grid is intended to provide prospective applicants a general sense of our admission standards, as based upon competition for entry into recent classes entering the law school. This grid does not adequately describe the numerous nonquantifiable factors that are considered by our Admission Committee. Prospective applicants are encouraged to review our admission materials for a fuller understanding of the admission review standards used by Regent University School of Law.