



SCHOOL OF LAW  
CASE WESTERN RESERVE  
UNIVERSITY

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KNOWLEDGE,  
SKILLS,  
EXPERIENCE.  
YOU'LL  
BE READY.



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## BE READY.

Our innovative curriculum will challenge you. Our professors will inspire you. And our community will welcome you. Our commitment to experiential learning means that you'll graduate with extensive practical skills, expertise in your chosen field, and opportunities to excel in your career.

We believe in a fast start. From your first year on, you'll field hands-on projects in our classrooms and clinics. We require every student to complete an externship. Choose resume-building opportunities here in Cleveland, across the nation, and around the globe. Our ten dual-degree programs offer a superb legal education, along with world-class faculty in other graduate programs.

We prepare you for change. In our profession and in our society, we anticipate new areas of practice while maintaining a commitment to social justice. We invite you to join our community of learners.

**Be ready to enter a dynamic profession.**



Educating lawyers since 1892

Since our founding 129 years ago, CWRU School of Law has been committed to diversity and inclusion. Our first entering class included a Black student. Famed civil rights attorney Fred Gray is one of our graduates. Last year marks the 50th anniversary of our Black Law Students Association chapter, one of the oldest in the country.







BY THE NUMBERS

11<sup>th</sup>

in Health Law

*U.S. News & World Report, 2022*

105

internship placements  
in 41 countries

19

exchange and concurrent  
degree programs on  
five continents

26

student organizations

Incoming Class Fall 2021

Applications	1,413
First-year JD students	143
LSAT median	160
GPA median	3.61

Women	59%
Minorities	21%
Average age	24
Non-Ohio residents	50%

#6

in Practical Training

*preLaw* magazine, 2021

Ranked as  
a "Top School"  
in 10 specialties:

Health Law (A+)  
Intellectual Property Law (A+)  
International Law (A+)  
Tech Law (A+)  
Business and  
Corporate Law (A)  
Environmental Law (A)  
Trial Advocacy  
and Litigation (A)  
Criminal Law (A-)  
Human Rights Law (A-)  
Public Policy (A-)

*preLaw* magazine, 2020–2021

10 Dual Degrees

JD/MBA (Management)  
JD/MA (Art History and  
Museum Studies)  
JD/MA (Legal History)  
JD/MA (Political Science)  
JD/MS (Biochemistry)  
JD/MA (Bioethics)  
JD/MSSA (Social Work)  
JD/MD (Medicine)  
JD/MPH (Public Health)  
JD/MNO (Nonprofit  
Organizations)



# SURPASS EXPECTATIONS.

What do prospective employers expect in this new legal environment? When we asked 70 hiring partners and CEOs what an ideal new hire would offer, they were clear:

**Practice-ready law graduates with well-developed skills in the essentials.**

Employers seek graduates who combine traditional lawyering strengths—critical analysis, understanding of precedent and theory, mastery of verbal and written communication—with non-traditional skill sets: leadership ability, interpersonal skills, and the confidence and acumen that result from hands-on experience.

**Preparation is everything.**

We designed our curriculum to prepare our students to enter the workplace ready to excel. Our unique LLEAP sequence hones essential skills. And every CWRU student sharpens those skills through three years of real lawyering experience. The National Jurist's *preLaw* magazine puts us at #6 in the country in the 2021 "Best Law Schools for Practical Training" rankings.

**Get a Jump Start.**

Before your first semester begins, you can join our Summer JumpStart Program—an eight-week experience designed to help you excel in law school and beyond. Take one of your required 1L classes along with sessions on class preparation, legal writing and analysis, exam-taking, professionalism and ethics, time- and stress-management techniques, and work-life balance. Make connections with fellow students and faculty. And lighten your fall courseload to help you better acclimate to the rigors of law school.





## Core, Concentration, Capstone

Our curriculum combines exceptional classroom learning with substantial client contact and rigorous skill development—we provide double the legal writing training of most other schools to ensure your mastery of this bedrock skill. A preview of your course sequence, year by year:

### 1L

You'll have opportunities to join faculty-mentored teams assisting real clients. Professional experience is part of every student's training.

Basic core coursework will include:

- Civil Procedure
- Contract Law
- Criminal Law
- Law, Legislation and Regulation
- Property
- Torts

You'll begin our unique LLEAP sequence, honing essential skills in: Legal writing, Leadership, Experiential learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism. And you'll have the opportunity to take electives in your first year.

You'll build professional skills in legal settings over the summer, through positions in law firms, and dedicated internships in nonprofit and international organizations. We also have more than 20 spots in our Federal Judicial Externship Program reserved exclusively for first years.

### 2L

Build on the first year's core courses and begin classes that cover key bar exam subjects:

- Business Associations
- Conflicts of Law
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Sales
- Secured Transactions
- Wills

You'll continue the LLEAP sequence. You can enroll in several labs where you'll work on cutting-edge legal issues.

And you can immerse yourself in a chosen area of concentration:

- Business Law
- Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Criminal Law
- Environmental Law
- Health Law
- International Law
- Law, Technology & the Arts
- Public Interest Law

### 3L

Theory, coursework, and practice experience come together after your second year in your capstone: two to eight months of intensive legal work requiring subject knowledge, practical skills, and professionalism. Your capstone might be in an externship setting or in one of our in-house clinics, or be a self-designed opportunity; it may be in the U.S. or abroad. This singular extended immersion in the profession is the culmination of your law school experience.

You'll also finish core courses and electives, and conclude the LLEAP sequence with advanced skills classes.

Alternatively, you can spend your third year abroad at one of our partner universities while concurrently earning an LLM degree with no additional cost.



## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Immerse yourself in the profession throughout your three years. We provide high-quality, hands-on experience to ensure that you graduate prepared.

### Ready to Compete

In 2021, our students excelled in competitions across the nation and around the world.

#### Moot Court and Mock Trial

- Jessup International Law Moot Court team won best brief and oralist awards, was the top U.S. team, and placed third overall in the World Championship rankings.
- International Criminal Court Moot team won best brief and oralist awards and placed second at the competition for North and South America, ultimately advancing to the Quarterfinals of the World Championship rounds.
- Vis International Commercial Arbitration team won best speaker awards at the Competitions hosted out of Geneva and Vienna.
- Ault Mock Trial Team placed second and was best prosecution team in the Costello National Criminal Law Trial Advocacy Competition.
- National Patent Application Team won its regional competition and made it to the National Finals.
- Black Law Students Association Mock Trial Team won the Midwest Regional Rounds of the Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition and the award for best advocate among all competitors.
- National Moot Court team made it to the semi-final round of the Regional Competition and won the Second Best Brief Award.

#### McClellon Cox JD '19

I want to be a great litigator and heard about CWRU's outstanding trial advocacy program. After my first year, I took a practicum called Trial Tactics that taught me how to effectively present a case to a jury. Additionally, I competed on the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Mock Trial team, where I won the best speaker award at Regionals. We ultimately placed third in the nation at the 2019 National BLSA Mock Trial Competition. The skills I learned in trial tactics and in mock trial directly translated to the work I did in the Criminal Justice Clinic as a third year. Working in the clinic, I interviewed clients, conducted discovery, engaged in plea negotiations on behalf of criminal defendants, and ultimately had the opportunity to argue a motion on behalf of a client in front of a judge in Municipal Court. Based on these experiences I am confident that I am well equipped to advocate on behalf of my future clients.



## REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Student teams handle real cases for community members at our on-campus Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic. The range of casework includes intellectual property, consumer fraud, civil rights, human trafficking, immigration, mediation, health law, elder and disability law, and criminal cases. Clinic students log hundreds of hours of pro bono legal services here.

Our Judicial Externship Program puts students to work for federal judges over the summer, providing an on-the-ground view of the judicial system as well as elective course credit.

Stipends and grants support work experience across the U.S. and in dozens of countries with global organizations such as the World Bank and the United Nations; we are one of the few U.S. law schools to offer a full semester's credit for interning abroad.

## Ready to Extern

Here are just a few examples:

- Access to Justice/Legal Aid
- Cleveland Clinic, MetroHealth Medical Center, Summa Health System, University Hospitals of Cleveland
- Cleveland Guardians, Cleveland Browns, Cleveland Cavaliers
- Department of Education Office for Civil Rights
- Federal Public Defender
- Hospital and Corporate General Counsel Offices
- International Tribunals and Organizations
- State Attorney General's Offices
- U.S. Attorney's Offices



## STANDOUT PROGRAMS

We are among the best and most innovative programs in

Business Law  
Environmental Law  
Health Law  
International Law  
Law, Technology & the Arts  
Public Interest Law

Christopher  
Rassi JD, MBA '03

In the years since graduating, I've worked on international trade and transactions at a large firm (Thompson Hine, LLP) in Cleveland and D.C., and served in Chambers and the Office of the President at the Rwanda Tribunal in Arusha, Tanzania, and in the Office of the Prosecutor at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in The Hague. I am currently the Director of the Office of the Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Geneva.

"An internship at the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia launched my international legal career. A postgraduate judicial clerkship at the Constitutional Court of South Africa followed."

## INTERNATIONAL LAW

### ADVANCING GLOBAL JUSTICE

Our world-renowned international law program, regularly ranked among the top in the country, makes global experience available for every student seeking a career in international business law or public international law. In the past five years, more than 100 students have interned/externed in 41 countries. In our Immigration Law Clinic, students represent clients in asylum and refugee cases.

We have 32 faculty who are experts on issues ranging from war crimes to international trade, from national security to cyberlaw. Our alums include the Foreign Minister of Canada, the head of the U.N.'s Africa bureau, and the founder of the largest immigration law firm in the world.

Each year, the Cox International Law Center awards grants to defray travel and living expenses for 20–25 summer internships, semester externships, and postgraduate fellowships. International placements range from war crimes tribunals to international organizations such as the World Trade Organization, the United Nations, the Human Rights Council, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the World Health Organization, and INTERPOL.



Top Ten in  
International  
Law

*preLaw* magazine, 2021



“A great formula for having a fulfilling and enjoyable career is to pair your passion with your education. I’ve always loved television, and working as a negotiator in the television industry has been a remarkable experience.”

Rebecca Gilbert  
Weisberg JD ’12

Born and raised in Cleveland, I dreamed of one day working in Hollywood, a dream that often seemed impossible. However, by continually reaching out to the school’s network of alumni, I was able to foster relationships that have helped me in every step of my career—from my legal internship at IMG to my current position as a Vice President of Business Affairs for Warner Bros. Television. I am the business affairs executive for the following television shows: *Legacies* (The CW), *Riverdale* (The CW), *Roswell* (The CW).



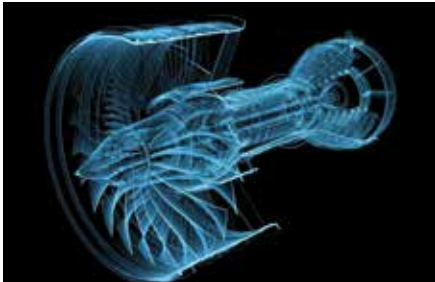
## LAW, TECHNOLOGY & THE ARTS

### REPRESENTING ENTREPRENEURS, INVENTORS, AND ARTISTS

Opportunities for a deep dive into intellectual property (IP) law are inexhaustible on this campus—over the past year, students in our IP Venture Clinic have represented more than 30 local startup ventures, and students in our Patent Pro Bono Program have engaged with some 30 local inventors.

Our Fusion certificate program brings law students, management students, and graduate science students together to support science and engineering invention. The partnership creates a multidisciplinary team to assess, develop, and protect early-stage technologies that have potential for commercialization.

In the IP Venture Clinic, law students apply these skills to identify, patent, cultivate, and protect intellectual property; they also apply corporate and securities law to structure a transaction to launch an early-stage venture.



Our IP Clinic has represented

30

startups this year

IP Venture Clinic students helped chemical engineering student Felipe Gomez del Campo V file a patent and develop commercialization plans for his breakthrough plasma-based, fuel-efficient jet engine design—an invention that was lauded by the White House and pitched to the *Shark Tank* investors.



## EXTERNSHIPS

Exceptional summer externships for students interested in health law abound. Some examples:

- American Association for Advancement of Science
- American Health Lawyers Association
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- Cleveland Clinic
- Ministry of Legal Affairs (Roseau, Dominica, West Indies)
- National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences
- Physicians for Reproductive Choice & Health
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities
- U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Office of Inspector General
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- University Hospitals, General Counsel's Office
- Vermont Medical Society



Allison Smith JD '19

I chose CWRU Law for the vast number of practical experience opportunities it offered. In my first summer, I was able to earn classroom credit while gaining hands-on experience at the law firm Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP here in Cleveland. Next, I externed for a Federal District Court Judge and interned at University Hospitals in their legal department. In my third year, I completed my capstone at Cleveland Clinic's Institutional Review Board, fulfilling my interests in both health law and bioethics. Within the school, I competed on the Jonathan M. Ault Mock Trial team, ABA Moot Court team, and BLSA Mock Trial team. And after completing an experiential class that

culminates in the Dean Dunmore Moot Court competition, I was awarded Best Oralist. My many experiences in health law and in litigation during my time at CWRU Law undoubtedly prepared me to enter the legal field ready to serve clients on day one. I am now a healthcare and life sciences associate at Taft.

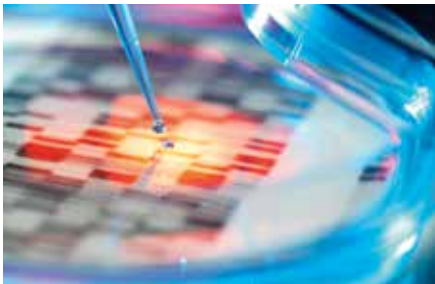
## HEALTH LAW

### NEW KNOWLEDGE

Our 11th-ranked health law program offers students an unparalleled opportunity to learn from top experts in this fast-growing field. Genetic engineering, reproductive rights, electronic health records, end-of-life decisions, and healthcare regulation are just a few of the profoundly complex issues at the intersection of law and medicine.

We're uniquely poised to support your health law studies and career. Our faculty leads in both scholarly reputation and practice experience. We tap into tremendous university resources: a top-25 ranked medical school that has more than 2,000 faculty, hundreds of millions of dollars in research, and renowned programs in health policy and bioethics.

We are one of the only cities in the country to have two nationally ranked hospitals according to *U.S. News & World Report*: Cleveland Clinic is ranked #2 overall, and University Hospitals is top ranked in multiple adult and pediatric specialty areas.



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*U.S. News & World Report, 2022*



## LEADING SCHOLARS

Our faculty is ranked 30th in the nation in scholarly impact, and their passion for teaching and mentoring law students is unmatched. Expect accessibility and a genuine commitment to helping you get the most out of your law school years.

Our faculty come to know their students exceptionally well and actively assist them with summer placements and jobs.

## Global litigator

**Juscelino Colares** teaches international business law and international environmental law. He serves on the U.S. Roster of Arbitrators for the US-Mexico-Canada Free Trade Agreement and is the co-director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center.

## Healthcare rights champion

**B. Jessie Hill** teaches constitutional law and civil rights. She has argued precedent-setting cases, and publications like *The New York Times* regularly seek her perspective on major federal court decisions. Her particular expertise involves religious and reproductive rights, and she serves as associate dean for faculty development.





## First Amendment and civil rights defender

**Bryan Adamson** joined our faculty in 2020 as the David and Ann Brennan Chaired Professor of Law and associate dean for diversity and inclusion. He is a leading expert in civil rights and First Amendment law and teaches civil procedure.

## Legal ethicist

**Cassandra Robertson** teaches civil procedure, professional responsibility, and international civil litigation. Her focus is on legal ethics and litigation procedure within a globalizing practice of law. She directs the Center for Professional Ethics and was recently cited in an opinion by the U.S. Supreme Court.







## Legislative pundit

Jonathan H. Adler is the director of the recently endowed Coleman P. Burke Center for Environmental Law. He is the author of seven books and is one of the most cited professors in the country, often quoted by *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. He teaches courses in legislative regulation and in environmental, administrative, and constitutional law.

## Social Justice advocate

**Professor Ayesha Bell Hardaway** is the director of the law school's Social Justice Law Center and co-director of the university's Social Justice Institute. She is also deputy monitor on the Independent Monitoring Team appointed to evaluate Cleveland police reforms under a federal consent decree.







## PERFECTLY SITUATED

Rated the #1 Arts District in the nation by *USA Today* in 2021, **University Circle** is a splendid concentration of more than 40 arts, cultural, and educational institutions surrounding the green spaces of Wade Oval. This is our neighborhood. The Cleveland Museum of Art, the Cleveland Botanical Garden, the Natural History Museum, and the Museum of Contemporary Art are just a few of your options for exploring, escaping, and recharging—all only steps away from campus.



A slew of restaurants, cafes, shops, and entertainment venues are within blocks, including the law students' traditional local tavern, Cosmic Dave's Rock Club, where "Razing the Bar," our faculty-student rock band regularly performs. Nearby neighborhoods of Uptown, Coventry, and Cedar-Fairmount multiply your options and provide convenient affordable housing, too.





ASTOUNDING  
CLEVELAND



Take the cultural concentration of University Circle and add: three professional sports teams providing year-round thrills; Playhouse Square, the nation's second-largest theater district; the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; Iron Chef Michael Symon's Mabel's BBQ; the historic Warehouse District; the beaches on the shores of Lake Erie ...

and you'll understand why students love living and studying in Cleveland.

Corporate headquarters, world-renowned healthcare institutions, and an impressive list of law firms, including large international firms as well as dozens of midsize firms, provide countless internships, externships, and jobs for our law students and grads.







Krithika Rajkumar JD '18

I had an amazing time at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. I spent my summers as an intern with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington, D.C., and as a judicial extern for a Court of Appeals judge. In my 3L capstone clinic, I had the opportunity to write a brief in a civil rights case involving members of the Movement for Black Lives who were unfairly surveilled by the government, and I also got to argue an appeal in a DUI case. And my teammates and I made it to the national finals of the American Bar Association's Moot Court Competition. Thanks to these experiences, I graduated law school ready to hit the ground running as a litigation associate. I'm now a litigator with Nixon Peabody in Boston. From the professors who recommended me for job opportunities to the friends I made in law school who are now my colleagues, Case Western Reserve was the perfect choice for me.

Be ready to excel.

Our Career Development Office, which includes experienced lawyers, works closely with students to help them obtain permanent employment. The combination of well-prepared students and experienced staff has resulted in a 90 percent average employment rate ten months after graduation for the past three years.

500  
PEARL STREET





## Collaborators and friends

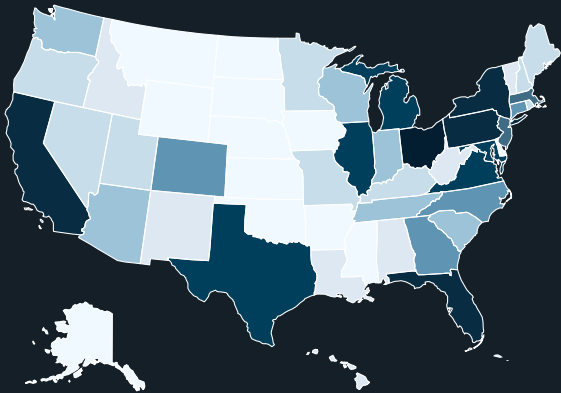
We're a lively, cohesive community with a preference for collaboration over competition. We deliberately keep our entering class size small to maintain the feel of an intimate, friendly environment. There's a shared passion for the law, and a spirit of cooperation among students, faculty, and alumni, all eager to champion your success. You'll join a legal family that will last a lifetime.

Team with peers on one of our student organizations to extend your network and participate in a rich range of programs and activities:

- Anti-Trafficking Advocacy Team
- Asian Law Student Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Corporate Finance and Law Alliance
- Delta Theta Phi
- Federal Bar Association
- Federalist Society
- International Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Labor and Employment Law Society
- Lambda Law Students Association
- LatinX Law Student Association
- Law for the Environment, Animals and Food
- Middle Eastern Law Student Association
- Moot Court Board
- National Lawyers Guild
- Sports & Entertainment Law Society
- Street Law Program
- Student Bar Association
- Student Health Law Association
- Student Intellectual Property Law Association
- Student Public Interest Law Fellowship
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- Toastmasters
- Women's Law Association

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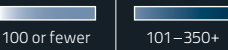
Law graduates



1,096

Live and work abroad

Alumni by state



Over the past three years (2018–2020), our graduates applied their education in:

51%

Law firms

13%

Government

11%

Public Interest

6%

Judicial Clerkships

2%

Academia

17%

Business / Industry

95%

overall bar pass rate across the country — #1 in the state and #20 nationally (2020)





## JOIN US.

We invite you to visit our website at [case.edu/law](https://case.edu/law)—take a virtual tour of the law school and investigate the many advantages we enjoy as an integral part of a large urban research university. Then come to campus and get to know us better. Stroll the marvelous University Circle neighborhood. See your future in the law starting here.

In order to help our students with the financial challenge of attending law school, we offer substantial merit-based scholarships. *Business Insider* ranks us 5th in the nation for best financial aid.

We are eager to meet you and answer your questions.

**Jessica Berg and Michael Scharf**  
Co-Deans

Dean **Jessica Berg** has an MPH in addition to her JD and is also a professor of bioethics and of public health. Previously, she worked at the American Medical Association. Her research focuses on public health, informed consent, human subjects regulation, confidentiality, reproduction, end-of-life care, and e-medicine. In 2008, she was named “Health Policy Researcher of the Year” by the Health Policy Institute of Ohio.

Dean **Michael Scharf** served as Attorney-Adviser for United Nations Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. He is co-founder of the Public International Law and Policy Group, a Nobel Peace Prize–nominated NGO. He has authored 20 books that have won four national book awards, and he is the host of a foreign policy radio program on Cleveland’s NPR station. In 2020, Scharf was elected President of the American Branch of the International Law Association.

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## Timetables

### SPRING

**Nov. 1**  
Application deadline

**Dec. 1**  
Applicants notified of decision

**Dec. 15**  
Seat deposit due (\$500)

### FALL

#### EARLY DECISION

**Nov. 30**  
Submit Early Decision  
application, agreement and  
application deposit (\$200)

**Dec. 20**  
Applicants notified of decision

**Jan. 15**  
Seat deposit due (\$200)

#### REGULAR DECISION

**March 1**  
Priority Application deadline

**April 1**  
Regular Application deadline

**April 15**  
First seat (\$300) or first  
choice (\$500) deposit deadline  
(rolling thereafter)

**June 1**  
Second seat deposit (\$400)  
deadline (rolling thereafter)

### TRANSFER

**Dec. 1**  
For entry Spring Semester;  
applicants notified by Dec. 15

**March 30**  
Early Action application  
deadline; applicants notified  
by April 30

**May 15**  
Early Action seat deposit  
deadline (\$250)

**July 1**  
Regular Action applicant  
deadline; applicants notified by  
Aug. 1, or later as completed

## Admissions

Our application is available now. We accept the LSAT or the GRE. There is no application fee if you apply online. All Regular Decision deposits are non-refundable and are required of all entering students. We strongly recommend that you secure information about the character and other qualifications for admission to the bar in the state(s) in which you intend to practice law before beginning law school.

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