

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



CASE WESTERN RESERVE  
UNIVERSITY  
School of Law



## 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 tackle hands-on projects in our classrooms and clinics. We require every student to complete an externship. Choose from resume-building opportunities here in Cleveland, across the nation, and around the globe. We offer 10 dual-degree programs, where you can learn from world-class faculty across Case Western Reserve University.

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 130 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. We recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of our Black Law Students Association chapter, one of the oldest in the country.







10<sup>th</sup>  
in International Law

11<sup>th</sup>  
in Health Law

*U.S. News & World Report, 2024*

105  
internship placements  
in 41 countries

19  
exchange and concurrent  
degree programs on  
five continents

33  
student organizations

Incoming Class of 2023

Applications	1,330
First-year JD students	167
LSAT median	160
GPA median	3.70

Women	56%
Minorities	20%
Average age	24
Non-Ohio residents	47%

10<sup>th</sup>  
in Practical Training

*preLaw magazine, 2023*

Ranked as  
a "Top School"  
in 12 specialties:

- Health Law (A+)
- Intellectual Property Law (A+)
- International Law (A+)
- Practical Training (A+)
- Tech Law (A+)
- Trial Advocacy (A+)
- Business Law (A)
- Criminal Law (A)
- Environmental Law (A)
- Entertainment Law (A)
- Human Rights Law (A-)
- Public Policy Law (A-)

*preLaw magazine, 2022-2023*

10 Dual Degrees

- JD/MS (Biochemistry)
- JD/MA (Bioethics)
- JD/MA (Legal History)
- JD/MBA (Management)
- JD/MD (Medicine)
- JD/MA (Military Ethics)
- JD/MNO (Nonprofit Organizations)
- JD/MA (Political Science)
- JD/MPH (Public Health)
- JD/MSSA (Social Work)



## BENEFIT FROM FLEXIBILITY.

### An approach that is right for you.

We recognize the path to a JD is not always linear, and therefore offer you flexible options to pursue your degree. We now have Fall and Spring start options for our in-person program, and we're launching a new part-time online JD, fully accredited by the American Bar Association. Our online program provides the same access to expert faculty and experiential learning opportunities from wherever you need to be.

### Get a JumpStart.

Before your first in-person fall semester begins, you can join our Summer JumpStart Program—an eight-week experience designed to help you excel in law school and beyond. Pair one of your required 1L classes with sessions on class preparation, 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 course load to help you better acclimate to the rigors of law school.

### Preparation is everything.

No matter which format you choose, our curriculum is designed to prepare you to enter the workplace ready to excel. Our unique LLEAP sequence hones essential skills. Students choose between advanced trial, appellate or transactional skills in their 2L year. And every student sharpens those skills in the 3L year through an individually designed capstone experience. National Jurist's preLaw magazine puts us at #10 in the country for "Best Law Schools for Practical Training."





## 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
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Evidence
- Sales

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

Plus, 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, 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 at 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

A recent study ranked CWRU 8th in the country for Moot Court and Mock trial success (Gavel and NICA Law School Rankings). This past year, our students excelled in competitions across the nation and around the world. Here are a few of the highlights:

- The Jessup International Law Moot Court team won the Best Oralist Award, Best Brief Award and the Championship of the Midwest Competition, and ranked second in the global competition, garnering awards for the Best Speaker in the World and Third Best Brief in the World.
- The Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court team was runner up for Best Team Orals at the Regional Competition in Chicago and competed in the International Round in Vienna.
- The Black Law Student Association Mock Trial Team won first place at regionals and advanced to the finals in the Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition, finishing second in the nation.
- The International Criminal Court Moot Court Team advanced to the Hemisphere Finals and competed in the International Rounds at the Hague.
- The Ault Mock Trial team became Regional Champions and National Quarter Finalists in the Texas Young Lawyers Association's National Trial Competition.
- The Ault Mock Trial Team was a semifinalist in the Case Classic Mock Trial Competition.



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 clients. I am now a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.





## REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Student teams handle real cases for community members at our on-campus Milton and Charlotte Kramer Law Clinic. The range of casework includes intellectual property, consumer fraud, civil rights, environmental law, 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 experiences 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 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 35 faculty who are experts on issues ranging from war crimes to international trade, from national security to cyberlaw. Our alums include the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry of Canada, the former 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, United Nations, Human Rights Council, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Health Organization, and INTERPOL.



Top Ten in International Law

*U.S. News & World Report, 2024*



“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

**B**orn 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 my career — from my legal internship at IMG to my current position as a Senior Vice President of Business Affairs for Warner Bros. Television. I have been the business affairs executive on many hit television shows.



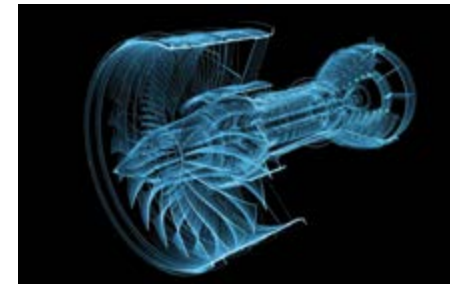
## LAW, TECHNOLOGY & THE ARTS

### REPRESENTING ENTREPRENEURS, INVENTORS, AND ARTISTS

Opportunities for a deep dive into intellectual property (IP) law are inexhaustible on this campus — students in our IP Venture Clinic represent around 20 startup ventures each year.

Our Fusion program brings law management, 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 represents up to

**20**  
startups a 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 *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 Newsome 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 top-ranked health law program offers students an unparalleled opportunity to learn from 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 named to the Best Hospitals Honor Roll, and University Hospitals is top ranked in multiple adult and pediatric specialty areas.



11<sup>th</sup>

*U.S. News & World Report, 2024*





# 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 U.S.-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.





STANDOUT LOCATION



# PERFECTLY SITUATED

Rated the #1 arts district in the nation by *USA Today* in 2023, **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. I'm now a litigation associate at Holland & Knight 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 resulted in 90% of the class of 2022 employed or pursuing a graduate degree within 10 months of graduation.

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PEARLE 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:

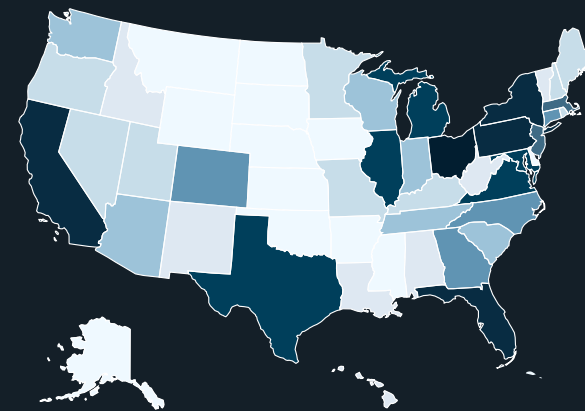
- Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Anti-Trafficking Advocacy Team
- Asian Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Corporate Finance and Law Alliance
- Delta Theta Phi
- Disability Law Society
- Federal Bar Association
- Federalist Society
- International Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Labor and Employment Law Society
- Lambda Law Students Association
- LatinX Law Student Association
- Law and Political Economy Society
- Law Students for Reproductive Freedom
- Muslim Law Students Association
- Moot Court & Mock Trial Leadership
- National Lawyers Guild
- National Security Law Society
- Refugee Outreach Collective
- South Asian Law Student Association
- Sports & Entertainment Law Society
- Street Law Program
- Student Bar Association
- Student Health Law Association
- Student Intellectual Property Law Association
- Student Legislative Initiative of Cleveland
- Student Public Interest Law Group
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- Toastmasters
- Women's Law Association

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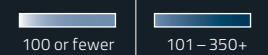
Law graduates

# 1,284

Live and work abroad



Alumni by state



Over the past three years (2020–2022), our graduates applied their education in:

# 54%

Law firms

12%  
Government

10%  
Public Interest

7%  
Judicial Clerkships

4%  
Academia

# 90%

of graduates employed or pursuing a graduate degree within 10 months

(Class of 2022)

# 13%

Business / Industry





## JOIN US.

We invite you to visit our website at [case.edu/law](http://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.

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)

### PART-TIME ONLINE

March 1  
Regular application deadline

April 1  
First seat (\$500) deposit  
deadline (rolling thereafter)

May 15  
Second seat (\$200) deposit  
(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 application deadline;  
applicants notified by Aug. 1,  
or later as completed

## Admissions

Our application is available now. We accept the LSAT, JD-Next 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.

## Contact us

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