

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 more than 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 more than 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.





13th
in International Law

15th
in Health Law

U.S. News & World Report, 2025

105
internship placements
in 41 countries

19
exchange and concurrent
degree programs on
five continents

32
student organizations

Incoming Class of 2024

Applications	1,761
First-year JD students	198
LSAT median	160
GPA median	3.70

Women	54.5%
Minorities	30.8%
Average age	25
Non-Ohio residents	58%

10th

in Practical Training

preLaw magazine, 2024

Ranked as
a "Top School"
in 12 specialties:

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

preLaw magazine, 2023–2024

11 Dual Degrees

- JD/MS (Biochemistry)
- JD/MA (Bioethics)
- JD/CRM (Compliance and Risk Management)
- 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 a fall start 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

Based on the overall success of its nine mock trial and moot court teams, Case Western Reserve ranked #5 in the most recent Gavel mock trial rankings and #10 in the NICA moot court rankings. This past year, our students excelled in competitions across the nation and around the world. Here are a few of the highlights:

- The Ault Mock Trial team was selected for the second year in a row to compete in the elite Tournament of Champions, held in Houston, Texas.
- The Ault Mock Trial team made it to the Final Four in the White Collar Crime Invitational Tournament hosted by Georgetown University Law Center.
- The Black Law Students Association Mock Trial Team won the National Championship in the Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition in Houston, Texas.
- The Jessup International Law Moot Court team won the Western National Competition in Portland, Oregon, earning a berth in the World Championship Rounds for the fifth year in a row. Our team also won the award for the 2nd best brief, and team members garnered the 2nd best speaker award, 7th best speaker award, and 11th best speaker award out of 144 participants. At the World Championship, CWRU won the 6th and 25th best speaker awards out of 600 competitors.
- The Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court team competed in the Regional Round of the Asian International Arbitration Center Vis Competition and earned a place in the elimination rounds in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The team also competed at the 11th Annual Richard DeWitt Memorial Vis Competition in Miami, FL, where a member of our team won the award for Best Advocate at the competition. And the team competed in the Loyola University Competition in Chicago, where they placed third.
- The National Moot Court team took 2nd place in the Academy of Trial Lawyers Mock Trial Competition in Pennsylvania, and a CWRU Law student received the “top litigator award.”
- The National Moot Court team took 2nd place in the ABA’s National Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition in San Francisco, and a CWRU Law student received the award for Second Best Oralist out of 80 competitors.

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.



#13 in
International
Law

U.S. News & World Report, 2025

“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 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 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.

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 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.



15th

U.S. News & World Report, 2025



LEADING SCHOLARS

Our faculty is ranked 43rd 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

Michael Scharf, Associate Dean for Global Legal Studies, teaches International Law, the Journal of International Law Seminar, and coaches our award-winning Jessup International Law Moot Court team. He currently serves as President of the American Branch of the International Law Association and was the first American to make an Amicus argument before the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

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.





First Amendment and civil rights defender

Bryan Adamson is 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 director of the university's Social Justice Institute. Her most recent work examines legal effort to remedy police misconduct and abuses through federal intervention and community oversight.



STANDOUT LOCATION



PERFECTLY SITUATED

Rated the #4 arts district in the nation by *USA Today* in 2024, **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 91% of the class of 2023 employed, employed with a deferred start date, or pursuing a graduate degree within 10 months of graduation.



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:

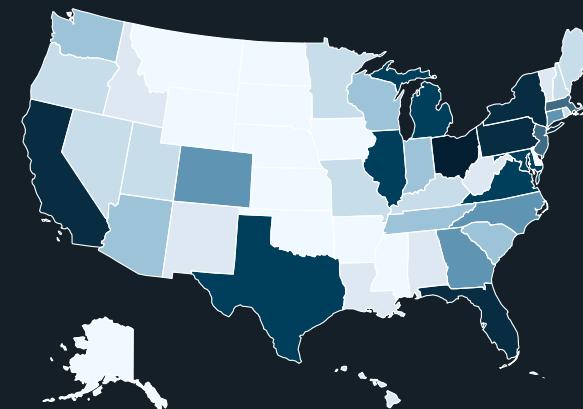
- Anti-Trafficking Advocacy Team
- Asian Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Corporate Finance and Law Alliance
- Delta Theta Phi
- Disability Law Society
- Federal Bar Association
- Federalist Society
- International Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Labor and Employment Law Society
- Lambda Law Students Association
- LatinX Law Student Association
- Law and Political Economy Society
- Law for the Environment, Animals and Food
- Law Students for Reproductive Freedom
- Muslim Law Students Association
- Moot Court & Mock Trial Program
- 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 Public Interest Law Group
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- Toastmasters
- Women's Law Association

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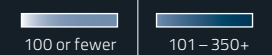
Law graduates

1,355

Live and work abroad



Alumni by state



Over the past three years (2021–2023), our graduates applied their education in:

53%

Law firms

11%
Business / Industry

11%
Public Interest

7%
Judicial Clerkships

5%
Education

91%

of graduates employed, employed with a deferred start date or pursuing a graduate degree within 10 months

(Class of 2023)



JOIN US.

I invite you to visit our website at 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.

I am are eager to meet you and answer your questions.

Paul Rose, Dean

Dean **Paul Rose** writes and teaches about business associations, corporate governance, corporate finance, sovereign wealth funds, investment management law and securities regulation. He has consulted with and provided testimony on these topics to numerous regulators and other agencies, including the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; the Government Accountability Office; and the Congressional Research Service. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute and serves as co-chair of the Shareholder Activism and Engagement Subcommittee of the American Bar Association's Corporate Governance Committee.

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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 15
Seat (\$500) deposit 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 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.

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