The caliber of students in the program, many of whom worked full-time jobs like I did, brought a vast amount of experience to the classroom and made the whole experience much deeper and valuable. In fact, I graduated with a tremendous built-in network because many of my classmates have gone on to successful careers.

Scott Frank (J.D./M.B.A. ’94)
President, AT&T Intellectual Property
Chair, Georgia State Law Intellectual Property Advisory Board

Undergraduate institution: Georgia Institute of Technology
Admissions Disclosure

The College of Law admitted you based upon your certification that your application materials are complete and accurate. If you have omitted anything or any information changes, you must amend your application immediately. This obligation shall continue until you graduate from the College of Law. Misrepresentations may result in the invalidation of your application, revocation of admission, discipline under the College of Law Honor Code, report to the LSAC or bar authorities and/or other actions.

Pay close attention to Questions 3 and 4 on the Character and Fitness section of your application, and the Criminal Certification following Question 4. Note: All moving violations must be disclosed; only parking tickets are exempt.

Georgia State University Nondiscrimination Policy

Georgia State University stipulates that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, creed, age, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or national origin, be excluded from employment or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by Georgia State University or any of its several departments now in existence or hereafter established.

ABA Character and Fitness Statement

Applicants are required to provide the College of Law with information about their academic and personal background, including criminal history. The failure to answer any such questions fully and honestly may adversely affect one's application or result in sanctions, up to and including revocation of admission.

The receipt of a law degree does not entitle one to be admitted to the bar. Every state requires applicants for admission to meet established character and fitness requirements before taking the bar exam, and such requirements will be evaluated on the basis of information similar to that sought in one’s law school application. Bar officials may compare applicants’ disclosures to the College of Law and local bar admissions authorities for consistency.

Complete information about Georgia’s character and fitness rules, as well as bar exam and admission procedures, may be found at gabaradmissions.org. Students applying for admission in states other than Georgia are encouraged to review the specific admissions requirements of those states.

SACS Accreditation

Georgia State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, master’s, education specialist’s, doctorate and professional degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Georgia State University.

Pictured on cover

“Through STLA, our Mock Trial, you become comfortable with what to do in the courtroom. You gain the confidence to make the correct legal argument for the given situation. You learn to think on your feet and work with what you have. Our alumni coaches are amazing. They want to produce as many advocates as possible and are always pushing us to be better.”

Vandana Murty, third-year student and Student Trial Lawyers Association president
Hometown: Tucker, Ga
Undergraduate institution: University of Georgia

“The College of Law’s Intellectual Property Law Society provides many opportunities to hear about real-life IP lawyers, at the top of their field, and all of the advice they have to offer, which is invaluable.”

Saba Daneshvar, first-year student
Hometown: Marietta, Ga
Undergraduate institution: Georgia Institute of Technology

“I use Georgia State’s Intellectual Property network to keep in touch with alumni about employment opportunities. Also, I’m a member of our Intellectual Property Law Society, a student organization that often holds events featuring local attorneys who speak about IP-related topics.”

Ava Blake, third-year student
Hometown: Born in Bronx, N.Y.; Raised in Newnan, Ga
Undergraduate Institution: Georgia State University
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DID YOU KNOW?

U.S. News & World Report ranks our Health Law program No. 2 in the nation.
It’s Your Time

You’ve probably heard it too: What is the value of a law degree today? Schools are slammed on debt and employment outcomes, and many point to the Great Recession. Some even ask if lawyers make a difference anymore?

At Georgia State Law, we believe a law degree is valuable. Our lawyers serve by ensuring the rule of law is preserved, and they make an impact in the lives of others. Whether it is resolving an IRS tax controversy or removing barriers to health care for a sick child or redefining national child custody laws for the benefit of both parents, Georgia State lawyers make a difference.

Employers value the skills and dispositions nurtured at Georgia State Law—the ability to think critically and creatively, to analyze and break down a complex problem to present a sustainable solution, and an appreciation for giving back to our community. Our tuition rate allows you to graduate with a fraction of the debt with which most young lawyers are saddled, and our combined employment rate remains consistent because our students are “practice-ready.”

Law school is a smart decision if you choose wisely. We choose Georgia State Law for its affordability, flexibility, and practice-focused curriculum. Read on to find out why.

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You can find Georgia State Law graduates all over the state practicing various areas of the law. I’ve met a recently appointed Fulton County Superior Court judge and more than several distinguished alumni in private practice—some who work for big, prominent law firms and others who own their own smaller firms. There are others who work for the Attorney General’s Office.”

Gustavo Aleman, part-time, second-year student
Hometown: Considers Alpharetta, Ga. home
Undergraduate institution: Georgia State University

Georgia State Law Serving the Public
Graduates in state Solicitor’s Offices ..................... 33
Graduates in state District Attorney’s Offices ......... 91
Graduates in the Georgia judiciary ........................ 19
Graduates in Georgia government offices .......... 41

DID YOU KNOW?
In fall 2012, our mock trial teams brought home three awards in just one month: first place at the National Trial Advocacy Competition at Michigan State University, and second in the William Daniel Mock Trial Competition (Atlanta) and the Lone Star Classic Competition (Texas).
Congratulations on your acceptance to Georgia State University College of Law. From your first day of classes this fall, you will benefit from hands-on academic programs, state-of-the-art technology and a world-class faculty of scholars who bring an impressive range of talents and practical experiences to the classroom.

You also will find Atlanta — a major metropolitan area with legal opportunities at every level of business and government — to be your living laboratory. We use this laboratory to the fullest advantage and take pride in the ways we have integrated what our environment has to offer with the teaching of substantive law and practical legal skills.

Diverse and motivated like you, your classmates come from different backgrounds and, through our full- and part-time programs, bring a rich variety of life and work experiences to the law school.

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Estimated Expenses

Based on 2012-2013 figures
Tuition and fees are subject to change.

Georgia Residents Going Full Time
Tuition and Fees: $15,154
Books and Supplies: $1,500
Living Expenses: $12,410*
Transportation: $2,070
Loans Fees: $120
Total: $31,254

Georgia Residents Going Part Time
(Tased on nine hours)
Tuition and Fees: $5,111
Books and Supplies: $1,500
Living Expenses: $12,410*
Transportation: $2,070
Loans Fees: $120
Total: $19,092

Non-Georgia Residents Going Full Time
Tuition and Fees: $34,834
Books and Supplies: $1,500
Living Expenses: $12,410*
Transportation: $2,070
Loans Fees: $120
Total: $50,934

Non-Georgia Residents Going Part Time
(Tased on nine hours)
Tuition and Fees: $26,686
Books and Supplies: $1,500
Living Expenses: $12,410*
Transportation: $2,070
Loans Fees: $120
Total: $42,786

*(Costs may vary based on your choices)

Fall 2013
Aug 12-16 Orientation and classes begin for first-year students
Aug 19 Fall classes begin for all law students
Sept. 2 Labor Day, university closed
Oct. 15 Midpoint (nonhardship withdrawal deadline)
Nov. 11 Evaluations open on PAWS
Nov. 25-27 No classes, university open
Nov. 28-30 Thanksgiving Break, university closed
Dec. 2 Last day of classes and Labor Day make-up day
Dec. 3 Make-up classes
Dec. 4 Reading day
Dec. 5-18 Exams
Dec. 19-Jan. 5 Winter break, university closed

Spring 2014
Jan. 13 Spring classes begin
Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, university closed
Jan. 21 Fall grades due
March 4 Midpoint (nonhardship withdrawal deadline)
March 17-23 Spring break, no classes
April 14 Evaluations open on PAWS
April 28 Last day of classes and MLK Jr. Day make-up day
April 29 Make-up classes
April 30 Reading day
May 1-15 Exams
May 16 Hooding Ceremony
Georgia State’s College of Law offers a location where classrooms, courtrooms, business and government are concentrated and convenient. A flexible curriculum integrates theory and practice, giving you hands-on experience while allowing you to meet other obligations during law school. Our top-notch faculty help you develop the knowledge and the skills you need to practice law successfully after graduation. Our graduates are practice-ready. That’s the Georgia State Law advantage.

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National Jurist magazine has ranked Georgia State Law as a top 5 Best Value school for five consecutive years.

**The Georgia State Law Advantage**

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Undergraduate institution: Florida State University

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Atlanta, a Living Laboratory

Georgia State University College of Law is located in the heart of the Southeast’s busiest city and just steps from the downtown government center, which includes the state Capitol, state and federal courthouses and government agencies. Atlanta is a hub for business, health care, research, entertainment and nonprofit organizations, and is home to dozens of Fortune 500 company headquarters including Coca-Cola, The Home Depot and Newell Rubbermaid.

Because of the size of the metropolitan area and proximity to government offices and centers of commerce, Atlanta has become a thriving and diverse legal environment for study and practice. Clinical programs and research centers at Georgia State Law partner with groups throughout the metro area to provide information and legal assistance to people in need. Our students learn from and work with attorneys and staff in the judiciary, at major and boutique firms, and with nonprofits like Atlanta Legal Aid and the Southern Center for Human Rights. From public interest law to business and intellectual property law, Atlanta is your living legal laboratory.

When you’re not hitting the books or pounding the pavement, Atlanta provides a variety of attractions and events to keep you involved and blow off some steam. The city has a vibrant history and exciting future, and is filled with opportunities to get out and have some fun.

Area Attractions
- Alliance Theatre
- Atlanta Botanical Garden
- Atlanta Cyclorama and Civil War Museum*
- Atlanta History Center
- Baudrillard Jones Atlanta Civic Center
- Jenny Carter Presidential Library and Museum
- Center for Puppetry Arts
- CNN Center
- Fernbank Museum
- Fox Theatre
- Georgia Aquarium*
- Georgia World Congress Center
- High Museum of Art
- The Martin Luther King Jr National Historic Site
- Six Flags over Georgia*
- Stone Mountain Park*
- World of Coca-Cola
- Zoo Atlanta*

Shopping
- Atlantic Station
- Buckhead
- Lenox Square
- Little Five Points
- Phillips Plaza
- Virginia Highland

Sports
- Atlanta Braves*
- Atlanta Dream (WNBA)
- Atlanta Falcons
- Atlanta Hawks*

* Discount tickets available for Georgia State University students.
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Georgia State Law offers a traditional yet innovative curriculum designed to meet the needs of our students, respond to the challenges of a global economy and reflect the growing reach of technology. We build on the foundational areas of the law with flexible options and elective opportunities that cover virtually all aspects of public and private law.

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In your second and third years, you’ll choose from a wide array of elective courses that give a glimpse into the day-to-day of a working lawyer: litigation, counseling, negotiation, legal drafting and alternative dispute resolution, among many others. Varied theory and special interest courses also are available, such as legal philosophy, law and religion, arts and entertainment law, or human subjects research, in addition to required courses like constitutional law and professional responsibility.

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Committed to Flexible Programs

The Georgia State commitment to flexible programming opens our campus up to a wider variety of students, which brings an added dimension to our community. Whether you just graduated college, took a few years off, have been working in another field for several years or are returning to the work force after a family, military or other hiatus, we help you get the best legal education on your time.

Our core, full-time faculty members teach equally in both programs; seminars and guest speakers are scheduled for day and evening visits; our externship partners provide placements that are for part-time students only. We go the extra mile to provide total access to all programs and resources for our part-time students, many of whom are working professionals and parents.

10.96:1 student-faculty ratio

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Experiential Learning at Georgia State Law

Georgia State Law is committed to offering students a wide range of purposeful and practical experiences as you prepare to practice law. You choose the externships and clinical courses where you can apply classroom theories and skills to the world of practice. You may represent clients or work with judges on litigation, transactional matters, legal policy and negotiation, mediation and arbitration.

International Programs
Several programs take our students out into the world to compare alternate legal systems and societal challenges with our own. Study abroad options include the Summer Academy in International Commercial Arbitration in central Europe and the Summer Legal Study in Rio de Janeiro.

Capital Defender Clinic
The Office of Georgia Capital Defenders accepts second- and third-year students to assist attorneys in all aspects of preparing indigent clients’ death penalty cases for trial in each phase of the case.

Fundamentals of Law Practice
Learn practice skills and ethical decision-making through simulating the work of a small, general practice law firm in the Fundamentals of Law Practice course. Course work includes simulation exercises and actual client representation.

HeLP Legal Services Clinic
The HeLP Legal Services Clinic represents the low-income families of children receiving health care services through Atlanta’s pediatric hospitals. Students work with clinical faculty and a variety of partners — including medical schools, social workers and public health educators — to hone skills in client interviewing and counseling, case management and other advanced aspects of health related cases.

Health Legislation and Advocacy
This two-semester clinic examines the process by which legislation is enacted into state law — including drafting, legislative organization and procedure, ethics and lobbying, and the appropriations process. Students work with a community partner organization or agency on upcoming proposed health-related legislation in the Georgia General Assembly.

Investor Advocacy Clinic
The Investor Advocacy Clinic is the college’s newest clinic, which trains students in arbitration, negotiation and mediation. Students educate and represent small investors who have suffered losses resulting from broker misconduct and cannot secure private legal representation because of the size of their claim.

Philip C. Cook Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic
Students provide legal representation to low-income persons during the post-audit stage of their disputes with the Internal Revenue Service. The tax clinic provides professional skills and substantive training on filing status, credits and exemptions, immigration status and collection issues.

Urban Fellows
Urban Fellows is an interdisciplinary initiative of the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, which connects top graduate students from Georgia State University and Georgia Institute of Technology’s School of City and Regional Planning to scholars and leading professionals to study and discuss issues related to urban growth.

Innovative practice-based curriculum

During your first year, Georgia State Law introduces you to the world of practice through our new course, Lawyering Foundations, that focuses attention on writing, problem solving and advocacy skills. You will learn what lawyering is all about with more assignments, smaller sections and more feedback.

In your second year, the college builds upon your writing and advocacy skills in Lawyering: Advocacy, which develops the skills needed in representing a client from initial interview to discovery and pre-trial motions, and throughout the complete trial process.

Externships
The Externship Program places law students with more than 70 government agencies, nonprofit organizations and judges in the Atlanta area. You will receive academic credit for work done under the supervision of practicing attorneys and judges at pre-approved externship sites.

Sample of Externship Sites
- ACLU of Georgia*
- Offices of District Attorneys, Solicitors and Public Defenders
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Federal Highway Administration
- Fulton County Landlord-Tenant Mediation
- Georgia Health Association*
- Internal Revenue Service
- Southern Environmental Law Center*
- Southern Center for Human Rights
- U.S. Attorney’s Office, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission

*denotes sites that accept part-time students

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Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth
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Center for Law, Health and Society
The center, the umbrella program that guides the college’s No. 2 ranked health law program, aims to improve public health through engaging educational programs, advocacy and community outreach initiatives that meet society’s challenges in providing adequate, accessible healthcare. The center advances the key role that law plays in promoting the health of individuals, families and communities.

Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
The consortium is an inter-institutional, multidisciplinary program for the development of theory and practice in conflict management and resolution. The group provides resources to communities like the Ombuds Network of the University System of Georgia and to practitioners of restorative justice.

Intellectual Property Initiative
The initiative is an engaged alumni advisory board that partners with college faculty to develop programs for mentoring, scholarships, writing competitions and job fairs for students interested in pursuing intellectual property law.

National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism
The institute is a consortium of seven centers of research on ethics and professionalism that sponsors several workshops throughout the year, and maintains the International Forum on Teaching Ethics and Professionalism, a database of resources for ethics professors, scholars and practitioners.

Co-Curriculars

Trial Advocacy
Our required Lawyering Advocacy offers an intensive skills training experience for all phases of the pre-trial and trial process. Students must conduct a jury trial to complete the course.

Moot Court and Mock Trial
Students compete in the most challenging and prestigious moot court and mock trial competitions in the nation and abroad while refining their advocacy skills.

Pro Bono Recognition Program
Georgia State Law encourages students to work in the public interest and acknowledges with pro bono distinction at graduation those who have donated 50 hours of service. The program allows students to use their developing legal expertise to work with legal aid and other legal services, and to help the community while networking with community partners.

The Law Review
The Georgia State University Law Review seeks students with outstanding writing skills and research interests to host an annual symposium and to publish the review four times a year. The publication gives students the opportunity to make significant contributions to legal scholarship, while encouraging local engagement through the Peach Sheets initiative. The law review analyzes each session of the Georgia General Assembly and compiles selected legislation for inclusion in the Peach Sheets.

DID YOU KNOW?
Our Law Library is the official library of the Supreme Court of Georgia and provides services to legislative offices and government agencies.
Dual Degree Options

Dual degree programs are offered through collaborations with academic units within Georgia State University as well as Georgia Institute of Technology. These programs lead students to a master’s degree and a juris doctor through selected coursework in each program that satisfies requirements in the other. Programs offered with:

- Georgia State Andrew Young School of Policy Studies – J.D./M.P.A.: Master’s of Public Administration
- Georgia State J. Mack Robinson College of Business – J.D./M.B.A.: Master’s of Business Administration; choose a focus area of management, e-commerce, computer information systems or marketing
- J.D./M.P.A.: Master’s of Professional Accountancy
- J.D./M.S.H.A.: Master’s of Science and Health Administration
- J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A.: Master’s of Business Administration and Master’s of Health Administration
- Georgia State College of Arts and Sciences – J.D./M.A. in Philosophy
- Georgia Institute of Technology – J.D./M.C.R.P.: Master’s of City of Regional Planning

Learn more about the College of Law’s J.D. and dual degrees at law.gsu.edu/degrees

Juris Doctor

Since 1982, the college has been educating full- and part-time students pursuing a juris doctor. Courses extensively cover the foundational areas of the law and include an array of flexible elective options that touch on virtually every aspect of public and private practice.

A Strong Support System

The College of Law is committed to ensuring each student has every opportunity to develop his or her potential for professional success. From academic assistance to mentoring programs and faculty and librarian matching, we want you to make the most of your time with us.

Academic Enrichment Program

The Academic Enrichment Program provides assistance in selected mandatory classes to help students avoid or overcome academic difficulty. Student tutors offer review sessions on a biweekly basis; while faculty conduct several workshops throughout the semester including presentations like Getting the Most Out of Classes; Time Management and Study Skills; Outlining and Legal Synthesis; Preparing for Exams and more.

Faculty Advisement

All first-year students are matched to a faculty adviser during orientation to help them make the transition into law school, assist them in planning future class schedules and guide them toward appropriate services and support.

Mentorship Programs

Student organizations like the Student Bar Association offer mentorship programs to help ensure that all participating students have an upperclassman to share tips and answer questions about classes, job searches, classroom success strategies and law school in general.

Personal Librarian

Our exceptional law librarians have developed a program that matches first-year students with a reference librarian to assist with legal research questions. Your appointed librarian can be your point of contact throughout your time at the law school, and is able to mentor students with research difficulties, assist with specific research and citation requests, and provide instruction on legal research tools and resources.

Career Services

In today’s market, you must be a competitive candidate with an extensive professional network. The Office of Career Services provides instruction, tools and resources for students and alumni to become and remain competitive in today’s legal market. Visiting speakers and guest career counselors supplement the office’s regular offerings, which include resume and cover letter workshops, networking events, on-campus interviews and general career guidance.

Career Services offers the following employment and concentrated services:

Spring and Fall Recruitment

Businesses, judges, government agencies, organizations and large and small firms visit campus in the spring and fall for on-campus interviews as part of a larger recruitment program.

Job Fairs

In addition to hosting the Southeastern Intellectual Property Job Fair®, Georgia State Law is affiliated with and offers students access to numerous other job fairs in specialty markets and practice areas throughout the year. At job fairs, students can meet with prospective local, regional and national employers.

Job Postings

Year-round employment opportunity listings including part-time, summer, temporary and full-time positions are posted online and promoted through regular e-mail communications to students and alumni.

S.H.A.R.P.

The Short-term Assistance Research Program gives students a chance to get hands-on legal experience by working on paid, short-term research assignments and projects with solo practitioners, small firms and other employers.

Mentor-Shadow Program

This program matches you with attorneys working in your area of interest, and allows you to spend time and work together with the mentor-attorney in his or her work environment.

Workshops and Special Events

Throughout the year, Career Services offers instructional workshops on improving your business writing, cover letters and resumes, as well as roundtable discussions on special areas of the law. Events like the Mock Interview Program help students hone their presentation skills prior to engaging in the interview process.
Georgia State University is an integral part of the downtown Atlanta cityscape, bringing diverse students and faculty from across the world with myriad interests, skills and cultures. As the university has grown in size and scope, so have campus facilities and services. When you become a student at Georgia State Law, you have access to everything the university has to offer – things that change and grow from day to day, housing and dining options, Panthers athletics and intramural teams, the Rialto Center for the Performing Arts, the Student Recreation Center and other services.

A Leading Research University

On Campus
- **Student Recreation Center**
  - climbing wall
  - racquetball and squash courts
  - basketball court
  - game room with billiard tables, board games, table tennis and darts
  - work-out areas for cardio and weight training
  - lap and leisure pool
  - spa and dry sauna
  - large studios for aerobic, dance, and martial art fitness classes, sports clubs, and intramural programs
- **University Library**
  - more than 1.5 million volumes
  - 8,000 active serials
  - more than 24,000 media materials
  - access to electronic periodical and resource
  - more than 14,000 electronic journals
  - 50,000 e-books
- **The Rialto Center for the Arts**
  - Theatre, dance, spoken word performances
  - Music performances, including jazz, blues, rock, classical and world arts
  - Home to a variety of cultural organizations and host to numerous public and private events
  - Serves as the primary performance venue for School of Music large ensemble concerts, including the wind, orchestra, jazz, brass, and percussion ensembles.
- **Cinefest**
  - Student-run movie theatre located on Georgia State campus in the University Center
  - Georgia State students, faculty and staff can attend showings for free
  - Popcorn refills are 50 cents.

Parking and Transportation

Georgia State strives to provide parking and transportation options that fit your budget and schedule, as well as support cleaner air and reduced traffic congestion in downtown Atlanta.
- **Car**: Parking lots are available around campus. Monthly unlimited passes and per-park “budget permits” are available. A valid permit is required for parking in university lots and decks.
- **Mass transit**: Discounted MARTA cards are for sale at Auxiliary Services. There is easy access to three MARTA stations – Peachtree Center, Five Points and Georgia State – and numerous bus stops.
- **PantherExpress**: Free shuttles move students around campus, to and from off-campus parking lots.

Learn more about university services and facilities at law.gsu.edu/gsulife.
Ready to Enroll? Let's DO this!

Now that you’ve seen what Georgia State Law has to offer, are you ready to get started? If so, reserve your space in the class by sending your $150 seat deposit with the class selection form.

Financing Your Legal Education

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Tips in addition to tuition, Georgia State charges student fees each semester that are used to implement a variety of programs. As of March 1, these fees total $1,121 per semester.

Financial Aid

The College of Law is committed to helping you overcome financial obstacles to achieving your legal education. Major sources of funding that may be available include: scholarships, tuition waivers, federal loans, and private educational loans. Scholarships and tuition waivers are administered within the College of Law.

For more information on aid programs and eligibility requirements, visit gsu.edu/financialaid.

Financial Aid Process

- Submit FAFSA
- Submit verification documents if requested
- Look for award notice through PAWS
- Complete Master Promissory Note
- Complete Entrance Loan Counseling

Note: Financial aid is disbursed after the first week of classes. Excess aid is refunded to a student’s account two weeks after class begins. Also, tuition and fees are subject to change.

Applying for Federal Financial Aid

The first step is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This form is available beginning the first week of January each year and should be completed online as early as possible at fafsa.ed.gov, and no later than Monday, April 1.

Scholarships, Awards and Tuition Waivers

The College of Law awards the scholarships and tuition waivers to qualified applicants and students. All students, once accepted for admission to the College of Law, are considered for appropriate scholarships and tuition waivers. Tuition waivers are based on academic achievement and include student employment such as graduate research and teaching assistantships. For a full list of scholarships and available tuition waivers, visit law.gsu.edu/scholarships.

财政援助

财政援助的前一步是填写免费的联邦学生资助申请表。该表可在1月的第一个星期开始填写，并尽可能早地完成，但不迟于4月1日的星期一。

奖学金、奖项和学费减免

学院为符合条件的申请者和学生颁发奖学金和学费减免。所有被学院录取的学生，一旦被录取，就会被考虑获得相应的奖学金和学费减免。学费减免的依据是学术成就和学生就业等，如研究生研究和教学助理工作。有关奖学金和可获取的学费减免的完整列表，请访问law.gsu.edu/scholarships.

Get Connected

1. Activate your Campus ID
   Your Campus ID is listed on your acceptance email and will be used to access most systems at Georgia State. Visit campusid.gsu.edu to activate yours.

2. Log into email
   Windows Live, a.k.a. PantherMail, is the platform used by Georgia State for student email. Set up your account at law.gsu.edu/newemail.

3. Log into PAWS
   You will use PAWS to register for class, check student accounts, and more. Visit paws.gsu.edu and log in using your Campus ID.

4. Send your final transcripts
   Two copies of official degree-conferring undergraduate transcripts must be sent directly to the College of Law and LSAC before Monday, Aug. 12. Note: LSAC requires that a transcript request form is included with your submission.

5. Verify immunization records
   Submit an immunization form before Monday, July 1. You will not be able to register for classes if your form has not been received. Visit law.gsu.edu/healthforms or call 404-413-1940 for more information.

6. Reserve your seat
   A deposit is required to secure your place in the college’s entering class. Send in your $150 tuition deposit with the class selection form to the college’s entering class. Send in your $150 tuition deposit with the class selection form to the college (address below) by Monday, April 15.

7. Verify your citizenship
   The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia requires students to provide verification of their lawful presence in the United States before admission. This form is finalized and you can register for classes. If your citizenship has not been verified through your FAFSA form, you must submit one of the following to the College of Law’s Office of Admission:
   - U.S. Certificate of Naturalization
   - Current U.S. passport
   - Current Georgia driver’s license issued after Jan. 1, 2008
   - Current Georgia ID card issued after Jan. 1, 2008
   - Permanent Resident Card
   - Certified U.S. Birth Certificate (submitted in person)
   - Military ID (verified in person)

Students may submit these documents or copies of these documents in person, by mail or via email to admissions@law.gsu.edu.

Georgia State University College of Law
Office of Admissions
P.O. Box 4049
Atlanta, GA 30302-4049
admissions@law.gsu.edu
404-413-9200

“You want your school to have relationships with public interest groups and private practices nearby, which will facilitate securing an internship or a job opportunity.”

Michael McLaughlin, second-year student
Hometown: Marietta, Ga.
Undergraduate institution: University of Georgia
“Georgia State Law was the perfect environment for me in which to excel. There was an enormous amount of passion to making the school the best it could be and the students the best they could be which, in turn, instilled in me a lifelong drive to personally and professionally achieve at the highest level. This is a life lesson that I have carried with me throughout my practice career and has positioned me for success; I am never satisfied with mediocre results.”

M. Todd Westfall (J.D. ’85)
Managing Partner, Howick, Westfall, McBryan & Kaplan LLP
Member, Law Alumni Council

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Admissions Disclosure
The College of Law admitted you based upon your certification that your application materials are complete and accurate. If you have omitted anything or any information changes, you must amend your application immediately. This obligation shall continue until you graduate from the College of Law. Misrepresentations may result in the invalidation of your application, revocation of admission, discipline under the College of Law Honor Code, report to the LSAC or bar authorities and/or other actions.

Pay close attention to Questions 3 and 4 on the Character and Fitness section of your application, and the Criminal Certification following Question 4. Note: All moving violations must be disclosed; only parking tickets are exempt.

Georgia State University Nondiscrimination Policy
Georgia State University stipulates that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, creed, age, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or national origin, be excluded from employment or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by Georgia State University or any of its several departments now in existence or hereafter established.

ABA Character and Fitness Statement
Applicants are required to provide the College of Law with information about their academic and personal background, including criminal history. The failure to answer any such questions fully and honestly may adversely affect one's application or result in sanctions, up to and including revocation of admission.

The receipt of a law degree does not entitle one to be admitted to the bar. Every state requires applicants for admission to meet established character and fitness requirements before taking the bar exam, and such requirements will be evaluated on the basis of information similar to that sought in one's law school application. Bar officials may compare applicants' disclosures to the College of Law and local bar admissions authorities for consistency.

Complete information about Georgia’s character and fitness rules, as well as bar exam and admission procedures, may be found at gabaradmissions.org. Students applying for admission in states other than Georgia are encouraged to review the specific admissions requirements of those states.

SACS Accreditation
Georgia State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, master’s, education specialist’s, doctorate and professional degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Georgia State University.

Disclosures

Important Dates

**Monday, April 15**
Submit your $150 seat deposit

**Monday, July 1**
Submit your immunization forms

**Monday, Aug. 12**
Orientation starts

It’s your time
“The caliber of students in the program, many of whom worked full-time jobs like I did, brought a vast amount of experience to the classroom and made the whole experience much deeper and valuable. In fact, I graduated with a tremendous built-in network because many of my classmates have gone on to successful careers.”

Scott Frank (J.D./M.B.A. ’94)
President, AT&T Intellectual Property
Chair, Georgia State Law Intellectual Property Advisory Board
Undergraduate institution: Georgia Institute of Technology