

3. BINDING PRESIDENTIAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (FULL TUITION)

The Binding Presidential Merit Scholarship Program is designed for applicants who have researched their law school options and have determined that GW Law is their top choice. Unlike the Binding Early Decision Program, all applicants admitted through the Presidential Merit Scholarship Program will be awarded a full-tuition scholarship. The admissions process is rolling; early application is strongly encouraged. The application deadline is **February 1**.

TRANSFER AND VISITING STUDENTS

The law school accepts a limited number of transfer and visiting students each semester. Applicants must submit a completed application, an official transcript of all law school course work, an official undergraduate transcript, and a letter from the applicant's law school stating that the applicant is in good academic standing. Transfer students also must submit a copy of their CAS report. Transfer applications are due **June 15** for fall entry or **November 15** for spring entry. Visiting student applications are due **June 15** for the fall semester, **November 15** for spring, or **May 10** for summer.

Applicants who apply by **March 1** will be considered under the **Early Action Transfer Program**. Applicants accepted through this program will receive provisional acceptance on the basis of fall semester transcripts; final acceptance will be determined after spring transcripts are received.

The law school will not issue an I-20 form for visiting international students. Transfer students are eligible for financial aid in the form of federal loans only.

FINANCIAL AID

The law school works with students on an individual basis to ensure that each receives the most generous aid package available.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

All admitted first-year applicants will be considered for merit-based scholarships. These awards, which vary in amount, are based on the strength of applications; no separate scholarship applications are required. The Scholarship Committee begins the merit review process in February.

NEED-BASED GRANTS

The Financial Aid Office begins making awards in March for the upcoming academic year. Awards are not offered to an applicant until the student has been admitted to GW Law; however, applicants are encouraged to complete their FAFSA and CSS profiles earlier to expedite the financial aid process once admitted.

OPEN DOORS SCHOLARSHIP

Through the Open Doors Scholarship, 10 extraordinary students with significant need will receive a \$120,000 scholarship (\$40,000/year for full time or \$30,000/year for part time, which includes need-based grants and merit awards). The scholarship application will open to admitted students in February, at which point decisions will be made on a rolling basis.



JURIS DOCTOR PROGRAM



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WASHINGTON, D.C.

2026-2027

Applying

Applications must be submitted electronically through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) at www.lsac.org. All applicants also must register with the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) and send their official transcripts to LSAC.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT:

- A completed application, including résumé
- A two-page, double-spaced personal statement
- LSAT, GRE, or JD-Next scores (taken within the last five years)*
- A CAS Report (including all official academic transcripts and at least one letter of recommendation)
- Application fee of \$80 (U.S. dollars)

PLEASE NOTE: The **application fee will be waived** for all first-year applicants.

WAYS TO APPLY

1. Regular Admission Process
2. Binding Early Decision Process
3. Binding Presidential Merit Scholarship Program (Full Tuition)

1. REGULAR ADMISSION PROCESS

The fall JD application deadline is **March 1** for those seeking admission through the regular—not early decision—process. Regular admission decisions will be made on a rolling basis between November and May. Applicants are encouraged to apply early. Admitted applicants will be required to make nonrefundable seat deposits between April and July.

2. BINDING EARLY DECISION PROCESS

The Binding Early Decision Program is designed for applicants who have researched their law school choices and are certain that GW Law is their top choice. This program allows those applicants a means of expressing to the Admissions Committee their commitment to attend GW Law if admitted. Early Decision applicants are given priority review. Admitted applicants will be eligible for need-based grants; applicants for whom merit award consideration is a prerequisite for matriculation should not apply through this program. The application deadline is **February 1**.

*Test-Optional Candidates

Select candidates may apply to GW Law on a test-optional basis (no submission of LSAT, GRE, GMAT or JD-Next scores). Test-optional applicants must have significant experience through either 1) employment (at least 5 years), 2) military service, 3) patent bar passage, 4) doctoral programs, or 5) social entrepreneurship. Transfer candidates from GW Law's LLM program may apply on a test-optional basis. Test-optional candidates must not have a reportable LSAT score.

At GW Law, we know law is not one-size-fits all.

Neither is the GW Law experience.

We don't seek to create cookie-cutter lawyers, but professionals who are engaged, well-versed in the law, analytical, and thoughtful about the practice of law.

Because we are a large law school, our students are able to find both divergent and like-minded colleagues within classes and affinity groups. And if those groups don't already exist, we encourage our students to form them. In other words, we encourage you to create your own path to satisfaction and success in law school and beyond.

Whether studying **traditional areas of the law**, such as international law or intellectual property law, or more evolving areas, such as **AI and cybersecurity** in our Center for Law and Technology: The Bernard Center, you'll find the expertise and innovation that offer a meaningful return on your investment in a legal education.

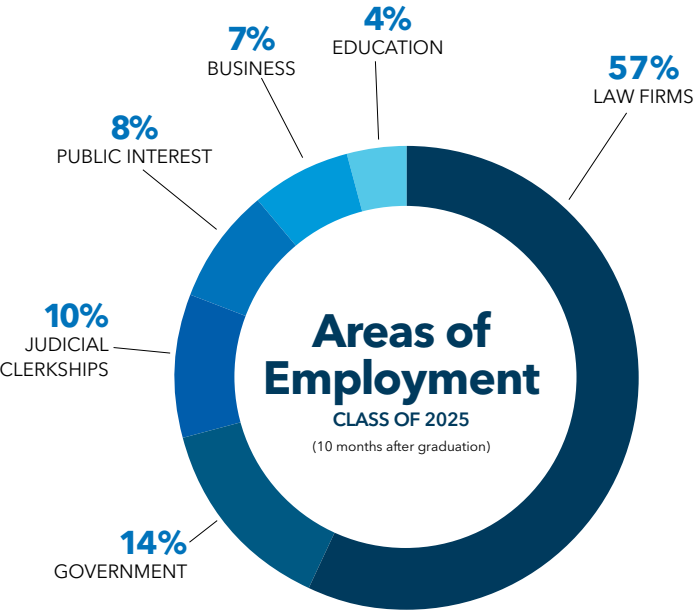
Your investment in your future leads to meaningful outcomes.

We know that law school is an investment. Here’s why GW Law is worth it.

The employment rate for the class of 2025 was 99.8%.



Dean Dayna Bowen Matthew with grads



From the moment you enter GW Law as a 1L, we prepare you for professional success—just look at our outcomes to see what we mean.

That focus begins with exploration, mentoring, and counseling within each first-year section, which we collectively call the Inns of Court. Each Inn is assigned a career counselor to help students begin exploring areas of the law that may suit them, and counselors follow their cohort throughout law school (although you’re free to meet with any member of the Career Center team).

Career counselors join faculty members, upper-level students, and alumni mentors in each Inn to help students begin the journey toward creating their unique professional path.

We’re serious about ensuring you have the maximum opportunity to create satisfying and successful career outcomes.

Big Law. Public interest and government work. Judicial clerkships.

Our grads do it all.

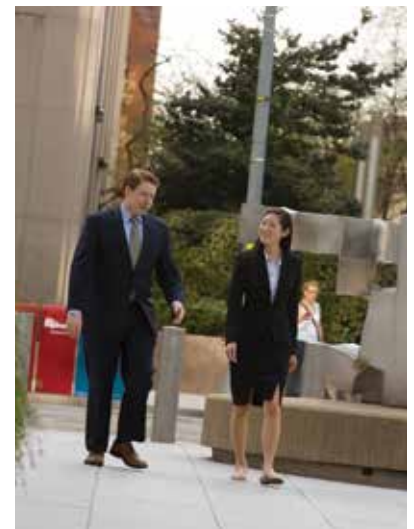
Our graduates can be found in every type of legal role, including holding clerkships; working at large, medium, and small law firms; serving in government positions; and working in international and domestic business ventures, among other positions. **Every major law firm in the country recruits at GW Law.**

CLERKSHIPS

Each year, approximately 60 GW Law students secure clerkships with federal, state, and local judges immediately after graduation.

Our professors have clerked for sitting Supreme Court justices, federal judges, and state and local judges. Their networks are invaluable as they teach and mentor students and help them launch careers.

Nearly half of our full-time faculty members have held at least one judicial clerkship, including nine Supreme Court clerkships.

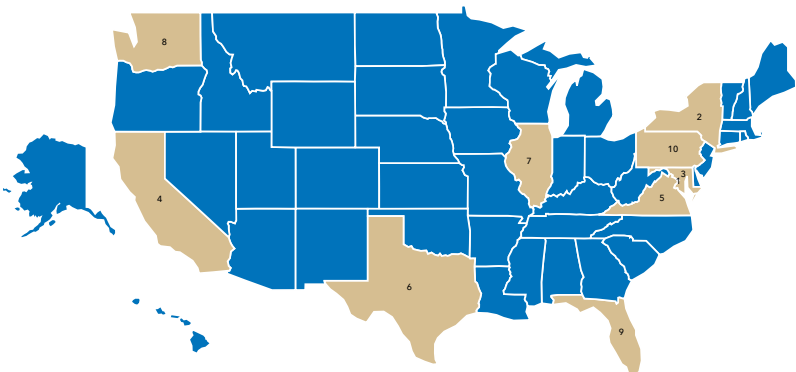


Professor Bradford Clark, a former Supreme Court clerk, in conversation with his friend Justice Elena Kagan. Several recent alums who have clerked at the Supreme Court credit Professor Clark with helping them land their clerkships. In the past five years, GW Law has been ranked ninth nationally in placing Supreme Court clerk graduates.

A National Law School with Global Reach

Our alumni practice law throughout the United States and in more than 20 countries around the world.

Because GW Law’s curriculum focuses on federal common law, rather than limiting the emphasis to the laws of one particular state, students leave GW Law with global legal knowledge that allows them to sit for the bar in any jurisdiction.



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Top Bar Passage States

1. Washington, D.C. / Uniform Bar Exam
2. New York
3. Maryland
4. California
5. Virginia
6. Texas
7. Illinois
8. Washington
9. Florida
10. Pennsylvania



Your distinctive GW Law experience begins before you step on campus.

PRE-1L COURSE: To support students' transition to law school, we offer a self-paced Pre-1L Course during the summer before 1L. Featuring insights from seasoned faculty members and recent law school graduates, the course offers a meaningful introduction to the rigors of law school and to the GW Law community.

THE FOOTNOTES SCHOLARS PRE-ORIENTATION: The pre-orientation program was designed specifically to support **first-generation college students** in their successful transition to law school.

I TEACH AT GW LAW BECAUSE...

“GW is uniquely situated to help students become outstanding practical problem solvers. I enjoy working with our students to give them the skills they need in a way that will make them most happy and successful.”



Professor Anita Singh

AREAS OF TEACHING EXPERTISE: Leadership, Legal Research and Writing, Practice Skills



Professors Laurie Kohn, Spencer Overton, And Naomi Schoenbaum



Dean Dayna Bowen Matthews with student

We offer a 1L experience like no other: Only at GW

THE INNS OF COURT: As 1Ls, students enter cohorts that we call the Inns of Court. Each Inn offers a team of professors, counselors, colleagues, and mentors dedicated to helping students examine their interests to find their individual paths toward professional satisfaction. Along with enrichment programs designed to enhance the law school experience, the Inns program offers formal and informal mentorships.

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF LAWYERING: We surveyed legal employers about the practical skills they desire most in new hires. Based on their answers, we designed the innovative Fundamentals of Lawyering course to equip 1Ls with those skills, including legal research and writing, client problem-solving, creative thinking, sound judgment, and self-directed learning.

SUMMER CAREERS JUMPSTART PROGRAM: Our Career Development Office provides resources to help 1L students become strong job candidates and to connect them with employers.



I TEACH AT GW LAW BECAUSE...

“I care about my students’ intellectual and personal growth and their long-term capabilities as legal professionals.”

Barak Richman

AREAS OF TEACHING EXPERTISE: Antitrust, Contracts, Health Law, Property, Sports Law



We offer Real-World Experience with Real-World Impact.

Our students evolve into professionals through both courses and hands-on experiences, such as in the Jacob Burns Community Legal Clinics, where they represent actual clients in real-life cases; the Field Placement Program, where they earn academic credit through approved externships and co-requisite courses; the Public Interest and Public Service Law Center, which supports students who plan for public service careers; and moot court competitions.

Under faculty guidance, our students have argued before Supreme Court justices in moot court competitions; won immigration cases for those seeking asylum through our legal clinics; and served in externships through the Field Placement Program, gaining substantive legal experience in institutions and agencies in Washington, D.C., and New York.



JACOB BURNS COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINICS: Our clinics allow students to represent actual clients in real-life cases under faculty supervision. The clinics function as both an educational program and a public interest law firm. Current clinics include:

- Access to Justice Clinic: Animal Law
- Access to Justice Clinic: Environmental Justice
- Access to Justice Clinic: Family Law
- Access to Justice Clinic: Immigration Policy
- Access to Justice Clinic: Nonprofit and Entrepreneurship
- Access to Justice Clinic: Prisoner Civil Rights
- Access to Justice Clinic: Women's Rights
- Access to Justice Clinic: Workers' Rights
- Access to Justice Clinic: Youth Justice
- Administrative Law Issues and Appeals Clinic
- Civil and Human Rights Law Clinic
- Criminal Appeals and Post-Conviction Services Clinic
- Criminal Defense and Justice Clinic
- Domestic Violence Project
- Family Justice Litigation Clinic
- Health Justice Policy and Advocacy Clinic
- Immigration Clinic
- Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic
- Prisoner and Reentry Clinic
- Small Business and Community Economic Development Clinic
- Vaccine Injury Litigation Clinic

FIELD PLACEMENT PROGRAM: Students earn academic credit through approved externships at places such as U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Justice, House and Senate Judiciary Committees, World Bank, National Wildlife Federation, and White House Office of Legal Counsel. In addition, students take a course related to their externship experiences.

PUBLIC INTEREST AND PRO BONO: The Class of 2026 contributed more than 73,675 pro bono hours in projects such as the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, Animal Welfare Project, and the Cancer Pro Bono Network, among others. GW Law allows students to begin pro bono work as soon as the second semester of their 1L year.

MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS: Over the past 16 years, GW Law's Van Vleck Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition has been presided over seven times by Supreme Court Justices. In 2025, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson presided, and Chief Justice John Roberts presided for the second time in 2026.

Enhance Your Study

GW IN NY: Upper-level students whose studies have been focused in the area of business and finance law can participate in GW in New York. For one semester, students work, study, and live in New York, taking courses from prominent alumni practitioners in the field of business and finance law and benefitting from externships at organizations such as the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, U.S. Court of International Trade, and the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association. Our New York alumni serve as individual mentors.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS: With more than 60 student organizations, our students gain hands-on administrative and leadership experience. GW's Student Bar Association, which won the ABA's 2020 Dean Henry J. Ramsey, Jr. Diversity Award, the 2018 Membership and Activity Award, and was the ABA's 2015 National SBA of the Year, oversees the budgeting and administration for all student organizations, functioning as a small company with more than 110 members of its executive branch alone. Other student organizations include:

- American Constitution Society
- Anti-Corruption and Compliance Association
- Antitrust Law Association
- Arts, Culture, Entertainment, and Sports Law Association
- Asian/Pacific American Law Student Association
- Black Law Student Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Consumer Law Association
- Corporate and Business Law Society
- Environmental and Energy Law Association
- Equal Justice Foundation
- Evening Law Student Association
- The Federalist Society
- Government Contracts Student Association
- GW Defenders
- GW Law First-Generation Professionals
- GW Law Run Club
- GW Law Soccer
- GW Law Softball Club
- Human Rights Law Society
- Immigration Law Association
- International Arbitration Student Association
- International Law Society
- The International Refugee Assistance Project
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Jewish Law Student Association
- Labor and Employment Law Society
- Lambda Law
- Latin American Law Student Association
- Law Association for Women
- Law, Justice, and International Development Society
- Law Revue
- Lawyering for Reproductive Justice
- Legal History Society
- Mental and Emotional Student Health Society
- Middle Eastern and North African Law Society
- Military Law Society
- Muslim Law Student Association
- National Security Law Association
- Nonprofit Law Association
- Phi Alpha Delta, Legal Fraternity
- Plaintiffs' Law Association
- Real Estate Law Association
- The Settlement Agreements of Catan Club
- South Asian Law Student Association
- Space Law Society
- Street Law
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Health Law Association
- Student Intellectual Property Law Association
- Tax Law Society
- Tech Law Student Association
- Veteran Law Students Association
- The Womxn of Color Collective



Professor Robert Parrish

View our full list of student organizations here:



JOURNALS: Students may apply for membership in one of 10 student-run journals.

- *The George Washington Law Review*
- *The George Washington International Law Review*
- *The George Washington Journal of Law and Technology*
- *The American Intellectual Property Law Association Quarterly Journal*
- *Business and Finance Law Review*
- *Federal Circuit Bar Journal*
- *The Federal Communications Law Journal*
- *International Law in Domestic Courts*
- *The Public Contract Law Journal*
- *George Washington Journal of Energy and Environmental Law*



JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS: GW Law offers joint degree programs with four other schools of the George Washington University for both JD and LLM candidates. Students must be admitted to both the law school and, separately, to the school that will confer the master's degree. Joint degree programs include:

- JD/Master of Business Administration
- JD/MA in Asian Studies
- JD/MA in European and Eurasian Studies
- JD/MA in History, with a concentration in U.S. legal history
- JD/MA in International Affairs
- JD/MA in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies
- JD/MA in Middle East Studies
- JD/MA in Women's Studies
- JD/MA in Public Policy (with a concentration in Women's Studies)
- JD/MA in Security Policy Studies
- JD/Master of Public Administration
- JD/Master of Public Policy
- JD/Master of Public Health
- JD/Public Health Certificate
- JD/Master of Education Policy



An Extensive Curriculum

GW Law offers one of the most extensive course catalogs among American law schools. You can choose from more than 275 elective courses focused in 20 program areas, some of which offer more than 60 courses.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND GOVERNMENT REGULATION

Administrative Law
Antitrust Law
Campaign Finance Law
Congressional Investigations Seminar
Energy Law and Regulation
Environmental Law
Food and Drug Law
Genetics and the Law
Government Lawyering
Health Law and Policy
Health Law and Policy Seminar
Higher Education Law
Homeland Security Law and Policy
Information Privacy Law
Law in Cyberspace
Lawyers, Lobbying, and the Law
Legislation
Legislative Analysis and Drafting
Local Government Law
Public Justice Advocacy Clinic
Public Law Seminar
Race, Racism, and American Law
Selected Topics in Public Law
Telecommunications Law
Trademark Law and Unfair Competition
Voting Rights Law

ADVANCED TORTS

Admiralty
Complex Litigation
Environmental and Toxic Torts
Genetics and the Law
Insurance
Law and Medicine
Products Liability
Remedies
Vaccine Injury Litigation Clinic

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Client Interviewing and Counseling
Environmental Negotiations
Ethics in Adjudication and Settlement
Health Justice Policy and Law Clinic
International Arbitration
International Dispute Resolution
International Negotiations
Mediation
Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
Negotiations
Negotiation and Conflict Management Systems Design

ANIMAL LAW

Access to Justice Clinic: Animal Law
Animal Law Foundations
Animal Law Seminar

Crimes Against Animals
External Advocacy Competition
Graduate Independent Legal Writing
Public Law Seminar: Gender, Race, Species
Reading Group: Hot Topics in Animal Law
Reading Group: Gender, Race, Species
Selected Topics in Animal Law

BUSINESS AND FINANCE LAW (INCLUDING COMMERCIAL LAW)

Advanced Antitrust Law Seminar
Advanced International Trade Law
Anti-Corruption and Compliance
Antitrust Law
Banking Law
Banking Law Seminar
Business Bankruptcy and Reorganization
Business Lawyering
Business Planning
Chinese Business Law
Commercial Paper—Payment Systems
Consumer Protection Law
Corporate Finance
Corporate Taxation
Corporation Law Seminar
Corporations
Creditors' Rights and Debtors' Protection
Employee Benefit Plans
Employment Law
Energy Law Seminar
Environmental Issues in Business Transactions
Entertainment Law
Federal Income Taxation
Insurance
International Arbitration
International Banking and Investment Law
International Business Transactions
International Business Transactions Seminar
International Commercial Law
The International Competition Law Regime
International Finance
International Investment Law and Arbitration
International Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism
International Negotiations
International Project Finance
International Taxation
International Trade Law
Introduction to Transactional Islamic Law
Labor Law
Land Use Law

Law and Accounting
Law and Economics
Law of Real Estate Financing
Law of the European Union
Legal Drafting (Mergers and Acquisitions)
Legal Drafting (Transactions)
Lessons in Leadership
Mergers and Acquisitions
Negotiations
Nonprofit Organizations: Law and Taxation
Partnership and LLC Taxation
Public Law Seminar
Regulated Industries
Regulation of Derivatives
Regulation of Investment Advisers and Investment Funds
Secured Transactions
Securities Law Seminar
Securities Regulation
Selected Topics in Advanced Antitrust Law
Selected Topics in Banking Law
Selected Topics in Corporate Law
Selected Topics in Public Law
Selected Topics in Securities Law
Selected Topics in Tax Policy Law
Small Business and Community Economic Development Clinic
Sports and the Law
State and Local Taxation
Tax Policy Seminar
Trade and Sustainable Development
UCC Sale of Goods
Unincorporated Business Organizations and Agency Law
U.S. Export Control Laws and Economic Sanctions
White Collar Crime

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND CIVIL RIGHTS

Conflict of Laws
Constitutional Law II
Constitutional Law and the Supreme Court
Constitutional Law Seminar
Counterterrorism Law
Disability Rights Law
Domestic Violence Law
Employment Discrimination Law
Family, Child, and State Law
Federal Courts
Federal Indian Law
History of the U.S. Constitution
Homeland Security Law and Policy
Immigration Clinic
Immigration Law I
Immigration Law II
Intelligence Law
Law and Religion
Law in Cyberspace
Law of Separation of Powers
Lawyers, Lobbying, and the Law
Legislation
Military Justice
National Security Law
Public Interest Lawyering
Race, Racism, and American Law
Sexuality and the Law
U.S. Foreign Relations Law
Voting Rights Law

CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

Adjudicatory Criminal Procedure
Comparative Military Law
Computer Crime
Counterterrorism Law
Criminal Defense and Justice Clinic
Criminal Law and Procedure Seminar
Criminal Procedure
Criminal Tax Litigation
Domestic Terrorism
Drugs and the Law
Forensic Science
Human Trafficking Law
International Criminal Law
Military Justice
Problems Trying Terrorists in Article III Courts
Transnational Security
White Collar Crime

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY LAW

Administrative Law
Air Pollution Control
Atomic Energy Law
Climate Change Law and Policy
Coastal, Navigation, and Wetlands Resource Law
Control of Solid and Hazardous Wastes (RCRA & CERCLA)
Energy Law and Regulation
Energy Law Seminar
Environmental Compliance and Enforcement
Environmental Crimes
Environmental Impact Assessment
Environmental Issues in Business Transactions
Environmental Law
Environmental Law Seminar
Ethics, Energy, and Sustainability
Federal Facilities Environmental Law Issues
Human Rights and Environmental Protection
International Environmental Law
International Project Finance
The Law of Emergencies: Natural Disasters, Climate Crises, Pandemics, and Beyond
Natural Resources Law
Oil and Gas Law
Regulated Industries
Selected Topics in Energy Law
Selected Topics in Environmental Law
Sustainable Communities Law and Policy Seminar
Trade and Sustainable Development
Water Pollution Control
Wildlife and Ecosystems Law

FAMILY LAW AND ESTATE PLANNING

Access to Justice Clinic: Family Law
Domestic Violence Law
Domestic Violence Project
Elder Law
Estate Planning and Drafting
Family, Child, and State Law
Family Justice Litigation Clinic
Family Law
Family Law Seminar: Juvenile Justice
Feminist Legal Theory
Genetics and the Law

Gender Discrimination and the Law
International Family Law
Law and Medicine
Legal Drafting (Family Law)
Sexuality and the Law
Trusts and Estates
Trusts, Estates, and Professional Responsibility
Wealth Transfer Taxation

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT LAW

Acquisition Policymaking
Anti-Corruption and Compliance
Bid Protests
Comparative Public Procurement
Federal Appropriations
Federal Grants Law
Foreign Government Contracting
Formation of Government Contracts
Government Contracts
Government Contracts Claims
Government Contracts Cost and Pricing
Government Contracts Moot Court
Government Contracts Negotiations
Government Contracts Overview
Government Procurement of Intellectual Property
Performance of Government Contracts
Procurement in International Development
Procurement Reform
Selected Topics in Government Contracts (Defense Acquisition System)
Selected Topics in Government Contracts (Government Procurement of Technology)
Selected Topics in Government Contracts (Internal Investigations)
State and Local Procurement
Suspension and Debarment

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND CYBERSECURITY LAW

Acquisition Policymaking
Anti-Corruption and Compliance
Artificial Intelligence Law and Policy
Bid Protests
Blockchain: Law, Policy, and Cybersecurity
Comparative Public Procurement
Computer Crime
Computer Law
Constitutional Law Seminar (Cyber, Privacy, and Speech)
Consumer Privacy and Data Protection: Regulatory Approaches
Counterintelligence Law and Policy
Cybersecurity Law Crisis Challenge
Cybersecurity Law and Policy
Cybersecurity Law and Technology
Disinformation, National Security, and Cybersecurity
Federal Grants Law
Foreign Access to U.S. Technology
Foreign Government Contracts
Formation of Government Contracts
Global Privacy Law and Conflict Seminar

Government Contract Claims
Government Contract Negotiations
Government Contracts Cost and Pricing
Government Contracts Moot Court
Government Procurement of Intellectual Property
Information Privacy Law
Intelligence Law
Internet Law
Introduction to Federal Appropriations Law
Performance of Government Contracts
Procurement in International Development
Procurement Reform
Public Law Seminar: Telecommunications and Tech Policy Advocacy
Selected Topics in Cybersecurity Law
Selected Topics in Government Contracts (Defense Acquisition System)
Selected Topics in Government Contracts (Government Procurement of Technology)
Selected Topics in Government Contracts (Internal Investigations)
Space Law
State and Local Procurement
Suspension and Debarment
Technology Foundations for Cybersecurity
Telecommunications Law

HEALTH LAW AND POLICY

Administrative Law
Antitrust
Client Interviewing and Counseling
Corporations
Disability Rights Law
Domestic Violence Law
Domestic Violence Project
Elder Law
Employee Benefit Plans
Environmental and Toxic Torts
Environmental Law Seminar: Urban Environmental Justice and Public Health
Evidence
Family Law
Federal Income Taxation
Food and Drug Law
Genetics and the Law
Health Justice Policy and Advocacy Clinic
Health Law and Policy
Health Law and Policy Seminar
Insurance
Law and Medicine
Law and Psychiatry
Legal Drafting (False Claims Act/Healthcare Fraud)
Public Health Law and Ethics
Selected Topics in Advanced Antitrust Law: Antitrust in the Healthcare Sector
Selected Topics in Health Law and Policy
Trusts and Estates
Vaccine Injury Litigation Clinic

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Advanced Trademark Law
Art, Cultural Heritage, and the Law Seminar
Chemical and Biotech Patent Law
Computer Law
Copyright Law
Design Law
Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the U.S. International Trade Commission
Entertainment Law
The Federal Circuit
Government Procurement of Intellectual Property
Intellectual Property
Intellectual Property Antitrust Seminar
Intellectual Property Law Seminar
Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic
International and Comparative Patent Law
International Copyright Law
International Intellectual Property Internet Law
Law in Cyberspace
Legal Drafting (IP)
Licensing of Intellectual Property Rights
Patent Appellate Practice
Patent Enforcement
Patent Law
Patent Strategies and Practice
Selected Topics in Intellectual Property Law
Sports and the Law
Trade Secrets Law
Trademark Law and Unfair Competition
USPTO Post-Grant Patent Proceedings

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

Advanced International Trade Law
Chinese Business Law
Chinese Law and Legal Institutions
Civil and Human Rights Law Clinic
Comparative Constitutional Law
Comparative Law
Comparative Law Seminar
Comparative Public Procurement
Conflict of Laws
Dispute Resolution
Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the U.S. International Trade Commission
Human Rights and Environmental Protection
Human Rights Lawyering
Human Trafficking Law
Immigration Clinic
Immigration Criminal Enforcement
Immigration Law I
Immigration Law II
International and Comparative Patent Law
International Arbitration
International Arbitration in Latin America
International Banking and Investment Law
International Business Transactions
International Business Transactions Seminar

International Climate Change Law
The International Competition Law Regime
International Copyright Law
International Criminal Law
International Environmental Law
International Family Law
International Human Rights of Women
International Intellectual Property
International Investment Law and Arbitration
International Law
International Law of Human Rights
International Litigation
International Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism
International Negotiations
International Organizations
International Project Finance
International Taxation
International Trade Law
International Women's Rights
Lawyering Practicum
Introduction to Transactional Islamic Law
Islamic Law
Law of the European Union
Law of the Sea
Law of War
Nation Building and the Rule of Law
Procurement in International Development
Public International Law Seminar
Refugee and Asylum Law
Regional Protection of Human Rights
Space Law
Trade and Sustainable Development
U.S. Export Control Laws and Economic Sanctions
U.S. Foreign Relations Law

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Disability Rights Law
Employee Benefit Plans
Employment Discrimination Law
Employment Law
Labor Law
Sports and the Law
Unincorporated Business
Organizations and Agency Law

LITIGATION AND THE JUDICIAL PROCESS

Adjudicatory Criminal Procedure
Admiralty
Advanced Appellate Advocacy
Advanced Evidence
Advanced Trial Advocacy
The American Jury
Appellate Practice
Arbitration
Civil Procedure Seminar
Comparative Constitutional Law
Comparative Military Law
Complex Litigation
Conflict of Laws
Criminal Appeals and Post-Conviction Services Clinic
Criminal Procedure
Criminal Tax Litigation
Electronic Discovery and Evidence
Environmental and Toxic Torts
Ethics in Adjudication and Settlement
Evidence

Family Justice Litigation Clinic
The Federal Circuit
Federal Courts
Government Lawyering
Insurance
Judicial Lawyering
Law and Rhetoric
Military Justice
Nation Building and the Rule of Law
Negotiation and Conflict
Management Systems Design
Pre-Trial Advocacy
Pre-Trial Practice in Civil Cases
Pre-Trial Practice in Criminal Cases
Products Liability
Race, Racism, and American Law
Remedies
Role of the Federal Prosecutor
Selected Topics in Civil Procedure
Scientific Evidence Seminar
Vaccine Injury Litigation Clinic

NATIONAL SECURITY AND CYBERSECURITY

Anti-Corruption and Compliance
Artificial Intelligence Law and Policy
Aviation Law and National Security
Blockchain: Law, Policy, and Cybersecurity
Computer Crime
Computer Law
Congressional Investigations
Constitutional Law Seminar (Cyber, Privacy and Speech)
Consumer Privacy and Data Protection: Regulatory Approaches
Counterintelligence Law and Policy
Counterterrorism Law
Crisis and Legal Controversy in the Central Intelligence Agency
Cybersecurity Law Crisis Challenges
Cybersecurity Law and Policy
Cybersecurity Law and Technology
Disinformation, National Security, and Cybersecurity
Domestic Terrorism
Foreign Access to U.S. Technology
Foreign Direct Investment Law: The Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. and National Security
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act
Global Policy Law and Conflict Seminar
Homeland Security Law and Policy
Human Trafficking Law
Immigration Criminal Enforcement
Immigration Law I
Information Privacy Law
Intelligence Law
International Criminal Law
Internal Investigations, Modern Politics, and the Office of the Inspector General
International Law
International Law of Human Rights
International Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism
Internet Law
The Law of Emergencies: Natural Disasters, Climate Crises, Pandemics, and Beyond
Law of the Sea

Law of Separation of Powers
Law of War
Legal Drafting (National Security)
Legislation
Legislative Analysis and Drafting
Military Justice
Nation Building and the Rule of the Law
National Security Law
National Security Law Seminar
Nuclear Nonproliferation Law and Policy
Problems Trying Terrorists in Article III Courts
Professional Responsibility and Ethics (National Security)
Public Law Seminar (Telecommunication and Technology)
Refugee and Asylum Law
Role of the Federal Prosecutor
Selected Topics in Cybersecurity Law
Selected Topics in Government Contracts
Selected Topics in National Security Law
Selected Topics in Public International Law
Space Law
Technology Foundations for Cybersecurity
Telecommunications Law
Transnational Security
U.S. Export Control Laws and Economic Sanctions
U.S. Foreign Relations Law
Veterans Advocacy
Veterans Law

NATIONAL SECURITY AND U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS LAW

Artificial Intelligence Law and Policy
Anti-Corruption and Compliance
Aviation Law and National Security
Blockchain: Law, Policy, and Cybersecurity
Computer Crime
Congressional Investigations
Counterintelligence Law and Policy
Counterterrorism Law
Crisis and Legal Controversy in the CIA
Cybersecurity Law and Policy
Cybersecurity Law and Technology
Cybersecurity Law Crisis Challenges
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PRIVACY, DATA SECURITY, AND TECHNOLOGY LAW

Artificial Intelligence Law and Policy
Blockchain: Law, Policy, and Cybersecurity
Computer Crime
Computer Law
Constitutional Law Seminar (Cyber, Privacy, and Speech)
Consumer Privacy and Regulatory Protection: Regulatory Approaches
Consumer Protection Law
Cybersecurity Law Crisis Challenge
Cybersecurity Law and Policy
Cybersecurity Law and Technology
Genetics and the Law
Global Privacy Law and Conflict Seminar
Health Law and Policy Seminar: Assisted Reproductive Technologies
Information Privacy Law
Internet Law
Public Law Seminar (Race, Surveillance, and the Criminal Legal System)
Public Law Seminar (Telecommunication and Technology)
Securities Law Seminar: Fintech Law and Policy
Selected Topics in Criminal Law and Procedure

Selected Topics in Technology Law (Law in the Algorithmic Society)
Technology Foundations for Cybersecurity
Technology Law Seminar
Telecommunications Law

PROPERTY AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Housing Law and Policy
Law of Real Estate Financing
Modern Real Estate Transactions
Partnership and LLC Taxation
Property and Real Estate Law Seminar
Unincorporated Business Organizations and Agency Law

TAXATION

Business Planning
Corporate Taxation
Criminal Tax Litigation
Employee Benefit Plans
Federal Income Taxation
International Taxation
Law and Accounting
Nonprofit Organizations: Law and Taxation
Partnership and LLC Taxation
State and Local Taxation Law and Policy
Tax Policy Seminar

**Courses are typically offered at least once per year. Some courses are offered in multiple program areas and therefore may appear more than once in the lists above. Course listing based on 2025-26 Law School Bulletin.*

We offer Study Abroad Opportunities



GW–OXFORD INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW SUMMER SCHOOL

Law students, practicing lawyers and judges, members of the armed forces, government officials, and persons working for nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations come together to study international human rights through GW's program each summer at New College, Oxford.



MUNICH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SUMMER PROGRAM

GW Law offers a two-week intellectual property law program each summer in Munich, Germany, a city known as Europe's "Intellectual Property Capital." The program offers courses, special lectures, and site visits to local IP institutions such as the European Patent Office.



GW-UNIVERSITY OF AUGSBURG STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The University of Augsburg offers a six-week summer program in European and international economic law. Courses in English cover the basic framework of transnational economic law, with an emphasis on the relevance of European Union law to the global economy.



GW-UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

GW Law students may attend the University of Groningen in the Netherlands for one semester to undertake in-depth study of European Union and international law, with an emphasis on environmental and energy law.



GW-UNIVERSITÀ COMMERCIALE "LUIGI BOCCONI" STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Università Commerciale "Luigi Bocconi" in Milan, Italy, offers students semester-long, in-depth study of corporate and finance law, European Union law, and international business law.



GW-PANTHÉON-ASSAS UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

GW Law students may spend a semester at Panthéon-Assas University Law School in Paris, France, considered one of the best law schools in France and in the world, studying areas related to international and comparative law, including international arbitration.



GW-UNIVERSITY OF SALVADOR LAW SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAM, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

GW Law students may attend the University of Salvador Law School for one semester to engage in in-depth study of different areas of the law through courses taught in Spanish.

We offer a faculty with theoretical and practical expertise.

(THEY'RE OUR SECRET WEAPON.)

Our students often tell us they decided to attend GW Law because of our faculty. Our professors are teachers, scholars, and advisors actively engaged in the law. They argue before the Supreme Court and testify on Capitol Hill. They have served administrations of both political parties. Their expertise spans traditional fields, such as environmental, business, and international law, and emerging fields such as national security, cybersecurity, and AI.

Because of their mix of scholarly and real-world expertise, our professors can leverage their professional networks to introduce students to opportunities in their fields, making them valued allies as students craft their professional lives.

Our D.C. location also allows us to draw from the leading legal practitioners from government agencies, top think tanks, and local and federal courts to round out our adjunct faculty.

I TEACH AT GW LAW BECAUSE...

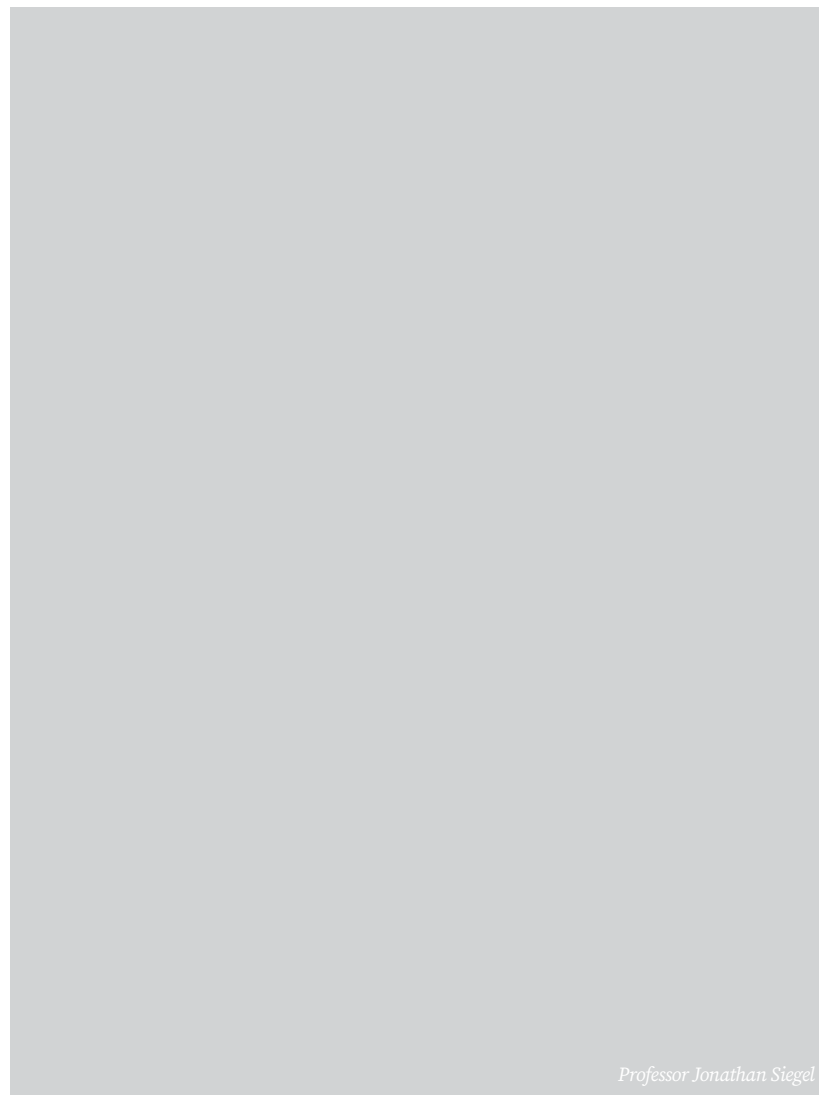
“It places a premium on hands-on practical teaching that aims to equip students to be prepared and confident to enter the legal profession.”

Professor Lula Hagos

AREAS OF TEACHING EXPERTISE:
Clinical Teaching, Criminal Defense



Dean Dayna Bowen Matthew and the faculty.



Professor Jonathan Siegel



We offer a top-notch Career Center.

Our career counselors are trained, licensed attorneys with experience in multiple types of legal employment, including law firms, judicial clerkships, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private sector employers.

Each counselor is assigned to one of the first-year student sections collectively called the Inns of Court. Weekly Inns sessions cover networking, informational interviews, the job search process, among many other topics. The counselors follow their cohort of students throughout law school, although students are free to meet with any member of the Career Center counseling team.

Each year, the Career Center brings recruiters to campus from around the country and holds recruitment events in Philadelphia, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Miami, and Chicago, in addition to D.C. The center's job postings feature opportunities nationwide.

ALUMNI NETWORKING

With more than 33,000 alumni throughout the world and in every area of practice, the law school counts among its alumni several senators and executive cabinet officers, state and federal judges, and many prominent leaders in business, industry, and government. Alumni play a critical collaborative role in career center programming and resources, serving as panelists, mock interviewers, and mentors. The Alumni Career Network puts current students and recent graduates in touch with alumni who can provide career advice and opportunities.

The Career Center supports students in a variety of ways:

- Individual Career Counseling, including basic tools preparation, employment-market insight, and personal interview preparation.
- Professional Development Programming
- Skills Training
- Programming Focused on Specific Practice Areas
- Dedicated Counseling and Programming for Part-time Students
- Public Interest Job Fairs and Initiatives

Big Law on K Street, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the U.S. Supreme Court are all an easy distance from GW Law.

We offer a front-row seat to history.

GW Law is located across the street from the International Monetary Fund and World Bank; four blocks from the White House; two blocks from Big Law on K Street; three blocks from the U.S. Department of State; and a Metro ride away from the Supreme Court, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Environmental Protection Agency, and a host of nongovernmental and policy agencies.

That proximity, along with the established networks of our faculty, administrators, career counselors, and alumni, means that GW Law students have unprecedented access to externships year-round, as well as countless opportunities to interact with those who create and enact policy.

More than 400 events are held on campus each year, bringing high-level officials and practitioners to campus. Our students benefit from the networking opportunities these events provide.

I TEACH AT GW LAW BECAUSE...

“Our students are bright, motivated, and supportive of one another because our faculty genuinely cares about and loves teaching.”

Professor Sonia Suter

AREAS OF TEACHING EXPERTISE:
Genetics and the Law, Law and Medicine,
Reproductive Justice, Torts



Dean Dayna Bowen Matthew with Justice Stephen Breyer (retired).

Our D.C.-infused educational experience places students near the center of law and policy making for the global community.



We offer a city of surprises.

D.C. is a vibrant, multinational city. The resonance of its history is everywhere. Our students frequently tell stories of going for a morning run on the National Mall and doing a double-take as they pass the Lincoln Memorial. There’s an annual tradition during 1L orientation of organizing a softball game at the foot of the Washington Monument—such an ordinary event in such an extraordinary location.

D.C. is full of those moments. It offers a blend of American history, international flavor, and cultural activity that few cities can match. Its charming and varied neighborhoods, abundance of free museums, world-class entertainment and sports venues, and eclectic mix of restaurants provide variety and excitement for residents. Our students love participating in the life of the city.



D.C.’s Rock Creek Park is more than twice the size of New York’s Central Park and offers riding stables, walking trails, and tennis and pickleball courts.

I TEACH AT GW LAW BECAUSE...

“The future of U.S. tax law will be written by our graduates.”

Professor Jeremy Bearer-Friend

AREAS OF TEACHING EXPERTISE: Tax Law



Financial Support

We understand that law school is a significant investment. As a result, **all admitted first-year applicants are considered for merit-based scholarships.** In addition, we offer several other options for financial support.

The Binding Presidential Merit Scholarship provides full-tuition scholarships for students who commit to selecting GW Law as their top law school choice.

We also strive to support need-based financial aid for exceptional students. The **Open Doors Scholarship** was designed for that purpose. Through Open Doors, 10 extraordinary students with significant need will receive a \$120,000 scholarship (\$40,000/year for full time or \$30,000/year for part time, which includes need-based grants and merit awards).

Each year, approximately 80 percent of students receive merit scholarships and/or need-based grants.



For more information on financial aid, please visit our web site.





★ GW LAW

The law school is housed in a nine-building complex on GW's Foggy Bottom campus. The complex features modern classrooms, three fully equipped moot court rooms, multiple student lounges and conference rooms, and WiFi access throughout.

1 THE WHITE HOUSE

Four blocks from GW Law, the White House—seat of the nation's executive branch—and nearby Executive Office Building provide several field placement opportunities in fields such as constitutional law and administrative law.

2 WORLD BANK

Through its work helping fund improvements in developing countries, the World Bank—only a block from GW Law—is a valuable resource for students interested in international law and finance law.

3 INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF)

Located right across the street from the law school, the IMF oversees the global financial system and gives students the chance to observe international law and finance law in action.

4 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The executive branch's agency of foreign affairs, the State Department is a Foggy Bottom landmark three blocks from GW Law. It provides students with a firsthand look at international law at the highest level.

5 U.S. COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS/U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT

Five blocks from the law school, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims hears claims made against the U.S. government. At the same location, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has nationwide jurisdiction in a number of subject areas. GW Law students can find clerkships with judges in both courts.

6 ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Made up of 35 nations in North and South America, the OAS works to preserve peace and further development on both continents. GW Law students can find placements in fields as varied as trade law and drug law.

7 KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

As the nation's official center for performing arts, the Kennedy Center hosts a variety of cultural events and is home to the National Symphony Orchestra, the Washington Ballet, and the Washington National Opera.

8 LINCOLN MEMORIAL

9 WASHINGTON MONUMENT

10 JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

These three monuments to American presidents are some of the most recognizable landmarks in D.C. All are within walking distance of the law school.

11 SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The famed Smithsonian "Castle" is the headquarters of the institution, which oversees 17 Washington museums, including the National Air and Space Museum and the National Portrait Gallery.

12 U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

Students interested in environmental law can find field placements at this federal agency charged with protecting human health and the environment. The EPA's headquarters are a short Metro ride from GW Law.

13 U.S. CAPITOL AND CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES

Recent field placements on Capitol Hill have included the Senate Health, Education, and Pensions Committee; the Senate Judiciary Committee; and the House Republican Judiciary Committee. The Hill is easily accessible from GW Law by Metro.

14 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

With the world's largest collection of legal materials, the Library of Congress is an excellent research resource for law students in all areas of specialization.

15 U.S. SUPREME COURT

The highest court in the land is an ideal venue for students to observe high-profile legal proceedings, as well as pursue clerkships and field placements. During the past decade, seven GW Law grads have gone on to clerk for Supreme Court justices. The court is accessible by Metro.

16 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

GW Law students frequently find field placements at the government's legal headquarters, working in fields ranging from counterterrorism to intellectual property litigation. The Justice Department is a short Metro ride from the law school.

17 U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The federal trials court for Washington, D.C., offers clerkship opportunities in the chambers of its judges. The district court is Metro-accessible from GW Law.

18 U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

This Alexandria, Virginia, office is a center of the intellectual property law community. Recent GW Law students have been placed in the Office of the Commissioner. The Patent and Trademark Office is easily reached by Metro and is a 20-minute drive from the law school.

The George Washington University does not unlawfully discriminate against any person on any basis prohibited by federal law, the District of Columbia Human Rights Act, or other applicable law, including without limitation, race, color, religion, sex, national origin (including shared ancestry and ethnic characteristics), age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression. This policy covers all programs, services, policies, and procedures of the university, including admission to education programs and employment.