



GW

LAW

LLM AND SJD PROGRAMS

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
WASHINGTON, D.C.



GEORGE WASHINGTON

Portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart, 1796. The statue is a full-length standing figure of George Washington in military uniform, holding a sword. It stands on a stone pedestal with an informational plaque.

Why Choose GW Law?

- **Expertise** of a distinguished faculty of world-renowned scholars and practitioners.
- **Support** for LLM students during their educational journey, including a dedicated LLM career counselor.
- **Access** to internships, mentorships, and the thriving legal community of Washington, D.C.
- **An inclusive community** of JD and LLM students side-by-side in classes.

We are one GW Law,

a connected, collaborative, and inclusive community of students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

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That is, all GW Law students benefit from an immersive, D.C.-infused legal education that inspires our community to drive monumental change. Our JD and LLM students take classes together, whether they are U.S. or international students.

Our LLM program attracts recent law school graduates, military judge advocates, solo practitioners, law clerks, human rights activists, prosecutors, corporate counsel, judges, and government officials, as well as Fulbright scholars.

That dynamic educational environment ensures that our classrooms feature a wide and collegial range of perspectives, knowledge, experience, and cultural backgrounds.

From knowledge-rich classrooms to valuable experiential opportunities through internships, our students gain a well-rounded educational experience in the heart of the dynamic legal community of Washington, D.C.



A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE:
On average, 40 countries have been
represented in each LLM class over
the past 10 years.



Dean Dayna Bowen Matthew with students.

We focus on expertise in teaching and guidance.

Excellence in the classroom.

With 10 degree programs, plus a general LLM, we offer unparalleled depth and breadth of study. Our faculty loves teaching and is known for their mentorship and support of students.

In addition, our professors are actively engaged in the law. They argue before the Supreme Court and testify on Capitol Hill. Their scholarship is cited in Supreme Court opinions, shaping the law in practice. They have served administrations of both political parties and have worked at institutions including the Federal Trade Commission; the U.S. Departments of Defense, Justice, Health and Human Services, and State; the International Trade Commission; the UN International Law Commission; and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; as well as public defender's offices and leading law firms.

Their mix of scholarly and real-world expertise enables them to leverage their valuable professional networks to introduce students to career opportunities in their fields.



Dean Dayna Bowen Matthew and faculty.



Dedicated program guidance.

Equally important, each degree program is led by a dean who serves as a dedicated program director, rather than as a full-time faculty member shouldering additional administrative duties. In that role, the program director leverages expertise as a practitioner and scholar to guide the direction and growth of each specific degree program.

The program director leads by serving as an advisor, arranging lectures and conferences, parlaying their professional network to engage with current students, and building a network of alumni in the field.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Choose among specialized degree programs or the general LLM degree.

- General LLM
- Business and Finance Law (*in person and online*)
- Energy Law and Sustainability
- Environmental Law
- Government Procurement Law (*in person and online*)
- Government Procurement and Environmental Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International and Comparative Law
additional coursework in the GW–Oxford Summer Program in International Human Rights Law
- National Security and Cybersecurity Law (*in person and online*)
- National Security and U.S. Foreign Relations Law (*in person and online*)
- Privacy, Artificial Intelligence, and Technology Law

ADVANCED DEGREE

- Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD)



GW–Oxford Summer Program In International Human Rights Law

Held each summer in New College, Oxford, England, the program offers intensive immersion in international human rights law and practice. Students will learn about key international and regional human rights laws and the enforcement of human rights by courts, quasi-judicial bodies, the UN and other intergovernmental organizations, and nongovernmental actors. Participants typically include law students, practicing lawyers and judges, members of the armed forces, government officials, and persons working for nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations in the field of international human rights.

Our programs satisfy the requirements of the New York State Bar Association.

We offer specialized support for LLMs.

The Buerghenthal Inn of Court

We continually seek innovative ways to provide an enhanced experience for our students. That's how we created the Inns of Court.

At most law schools, students take classes with a designated cohort of students, often called a section. At GW Law, we call those sections the Inns of Court, and what they provide extends far beyond the classroom.

The Buerghenthal Inn of Court, designed specifically for LLM students, offers the most comprehensive professional development program of its kind at a U.S. law school. Within the Buerghenthal Inn of Court, students engage with a team of faculty, administrators, and staff as they explore a range of topics, such as real-world perspectives on a particular legal practice area, creating a satisfying work-life balance, or living in D.C. Through both formal and informal sessions, students meet with alumni practitioners, attend networking sessions, and build a U.S. and global network of professional relationships.



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We offer practical opportunities to expand your expertise.

Internships For LLM Students

Our students benefit from GW Law's proximity to the institutions that surround our campus. GW is located in the heart of D.C., across the street from the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, two blocks from Big Law on K Street, and three blocks from the State Department. We are a short 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, staff, and alumni, offers students **yearlong access to internship opportunities**. In addition to gaining practical skills, students may be able to earn credit for qualifying internships through GW Law's Field Placement Program.



SAMPLE OF RECENT LLM INTERNSHIP LOCATIONS:

- American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative
- World Bank Global Forum on Law, Justice, and Development
- Law Library of Congress
- World Bank Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency



A Wealth of Program Offerings

GW Law features a robust selection of 10 specialized LLM degree programs, along with a general LLM for students who may wish to concentrate on one or more areas, such as constitutional law, criminal law, labor law, corporate law, or health care law. In addition, we offer an SJD program for advanced research, as well as a Master of Studies in Law degree in various concentrations for non-lawyers.

Our classes are open to both JD and LLM students, allowing a range of experience, perspective, and outlook that enriches the classroom experience for all. The core courses for each program are listed below. In addition, you can select related courses from among our 275 elective course offerings.

GENERAL LLM

Choose from our extensive catalog of courses to tailor an LLM in either (1) the regular track or (2) the practical track that focuses on areas such as:

Antitrust Law
Criminal Law
Cybersecurity Law
Healthcare Law
Labor and Employment Law

BUSINESS AND FINANCE LAW

Admiralty
Advanced Antitrust Law Seminar
Advanced International Trade Law
Anti-Corruption and Compliance
Antitrust Law
Banking Law
Business Bankruptcy and Reorganization
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
Energy Law Seminar
Environmental Issues in Business Transactions
Entertainment Law
Federal Income Taxation

Graduate Clinical Studies
Graduate Independent Legal Writing
Insurance
International Arbitration
International Banking and Investment Law
International Business Transactions
International Business Transactions Seminar
International Commercial Law
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
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 (Transactional Mergers and Acquisitions)
Modern Real Estate Transactions
Negotiations
Nonprofit Organizations: Law and Taxation
Partnership and LLC Taxation
Public Law Seminar
Regulated Industries



Regulation of Derivatives
 Regulation of Mutual Funds and
 Investment Advisers
 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
 Thesis
 Trade and Sustainable Development
 Unincorporated Business
 Organization and Agency Law
 U.S. Export Control and Economic
 Sanctions
 White Collar Crime

Courses Related to Business and Finance Law:

Administrative Law
 Environmental Law
 Formation of Government Contracts
 International Dispute Resolution
 International Organizations
 Law of the Sea
 Legislation
 Legislative Analysis and Drafting
 Local Government Law
 Patent Law
 Performance of Government Contracts
 Space Law

ENERGY LAW AND SUSTAINABILITY

Air Pollution Control
 Atomic Energy Law
 Climate Change Law and Justice
 Coastal, Navigation, and Wetlands
 Resource Law
 Control of Solid and Hazardous
 Wastes (RCRA & CERCLA)

Energy, Climate, and Derivatives
 Energy Law and Regulation
 Energy Law Seminar
 Environmental Impact Assessment
 Environmental Law
 Environmental Negotiations
 Federal Facilities: Environmental
 Law Issues
 Graduate Independent Legal Writing
 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
 Thesis
 Water Pollution Control
 Wildlife and Ecosystems Law

Courses Related to Energy Law and Sustainability:

Administrative Law
 Admiralty
 Food and Drug Law
 Formation of Government Contracts
 Genetics and the Law
 International Dispute Resolution
 Legislative Analysis and Drafting
 Mediation and Alternative Dispute
 Resolution
 Performance of Government
 Contracts

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Advanced International Trade Law
 Air Pollution Control
 Animal Law Seminar
 Climate Change Law and Justice
 Comparative Law
 Control of Solid and Hazardous
 Wastes (RCRA & CERCLA)
 Environmental Impact Assessment
 Environmental Law
 Environmental Law Seminar

Human Rights and Environmental Protection
 International Business Transactions
 International Environmental Law
 International Law
 International Law of Human Rights
 International Organizations
 International Trade Law
 Law of the Sea
 Regional Protection of Human Rights
 Selected Topics in Environmental Law
 Thesis
 Trade and Sustainable Development
 Water Pollution Control
 Wildlife and Ecosystems Law

Courses Related to Environmental Law:

Administrative Law
 Admiralty
 Food and Drug Law
 Formation of Government Contracts
 Genetics and the Law
 International Dispute Resolution
 Legislative Analysis and Drafting
 Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
 Performance of Government Contracts

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 Contracts Seminar
 Government Procurement of Intellectual Property
 Graduate Government Contracts Placement
 Performance of Government Contracts
 Procurement in International Development
 Procurement Reform
 Selected Topics in Government Contracts: Defense Acquisition Systems
 Selected Topics in Government Contracts: Government Procurement of Technology
 Selected Topics in Government Contracts: Internal Investigations
 State and Local Procurement
 Suspension and Debarment
 State and Local Procurement
 Suspension and Debarment
 Thesis

Courses Related to Government Procurement Law:

Administrative Law
 Antitrust Law
 Cybersecurity Law and Policy
 Employment Discrimination Law
 Environmental Law
 Federal Courts
 Government Lawyering
 Health Law and Policy
 International Business Transactions
 International Commercial Law
 International Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism
 Labor Law
 Law and Accounting
 Legislation
 Legislative Analysis and Drafting
 Local Government Law
 Patent Law
 Public Law Seminar
 Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
 Negotiation and Conflict Management
 Systems Design

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Air Pollution Control
 Coastal, Navigation, and Wetlands Resource Law
 Comparative Public Procurement
 Control of Solid and Hazardous Wastes (RCRA & CERCLA)
 Energy Law and Regulation
 Environmental Impact Statement
 Environmental and Toxic Torts
 Formation of Government Contracts
 Government Contracts Cost and Pricing
 Government Contracts Overview
 Graduate Independent Legal Writing
 Natural Resources Law
 Performance of Government Contracts
 Procurement in International Development
 Thesis
 Trade and Sustainable Development
 Water Pollution Control
 Wildlife and Ecosystems Law

For related courses, please see the Law School Bulletin.

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 Seminar
 Information Privacy Law
 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 Law
 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
 Thesis
 Trademark Law and Unfair
 Competition
 USPTO Post-Grant Patent Proceedings

Courses Related to Intellectual Property Law:

Antitrust Law
 Formation of Government Contracts
 Genetics and the Law
 Law and Medicine
 Telecommunications Law

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

(Includes regular and practical tracks, plus concentrations in (1) International Human Rights and (2) International Arbitration, Mediation, and Dispute Resolution)

Advanced International Trade Law
 Alternative Dispute Resolution
 Arbitration
 Chinese Business Law
 Chinese Law and Legal Institutions
 Civil and Human Rights Clinic
 Commercial Arbitration
 Comparative Constitutional Law
 Comparative Law
 Comparative Law Seminar
 Comparative Public Procurement
 Conflict of Laws
 Constitutional Law II
 Contracts
 Enforcement of Intellectual Property
 Rights in the U.S. International Trade
 Commission
 Field Placement
 Graduate Clinical Studies
 Human Rights and Environmental
 Protection
 Human Rights Lawyering
 Human Trafficking Law
 Immigration Clinic
 Immigration Criminal Enforcement
 Immigration Law I
 Immigration Law II
 Individual and Group Rights
 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
 International Commercial Law
 International Copyright Law
 International Criminal Law
 International Dispute Resolution
 International Environmental Law
 International Family Law
 International Finance
 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
 Mediation
 Mediation and Alternative Dispute
 Resolution
 Nation Building and the Rule of Law
 Procurement in International
 Development
 Public International Law Seminar
 Refugee and Asylum Law
 Regional Protection of Human Rights
 Selected Topics in Public
 International Law
 Space Law
 Thesis
 Trade and Sustainable Development
 U.S. Export Control and Economic
 Sanctions
 U.S. Foreign Relations Law

Courses from GW-Oxford Summer Program in International Human Rights Law:

Economic, Social, and Cultural
 Rights—Law and Practice
 Freedom of Expression in a
 Digital Age
 Fundamentals of International
 Human Rights Law
 Gender, Sexuality, and International
 Human Rights Law
 Human Rights Advocacy and
 Dissemination
 Human Rights in a Digital Age
 Human Rights Lawyering
 Human Rights in the Marketplace
 Human Rights and Military Responses
 to Terrorism
 International Human Rights and
 Refugee Law
 International Law of Human Rights

War, Peace, and Human Rights

For related courses, please see the Law School Bulletin.

NATIONAL SECURITY AND CYBERSECURITY LAW

Anti-Corruption and Compliance
Artificial Intelligence Law and Policy
Aviation Law and National Security
Blockchain: Law, Policy, and Cybersecurity
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 CIA
Cybersecurity Law Crisis Challenges: Protecting Critical Infrastructure, Risk Management, and Incident Response
Cybersecurity Law and Policy
Cybersecurity Law and Technology
Disinformation, National Security, and Cybersecurity: Overview and Legal Approaches
Domestic Terrorism
Field Placement (National Security Law Fellow)
Foreign Direct Investment Law: The Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. and National Security
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act
Global Privacy Law and Conflict Seminar
Graduate Clinical Studies
Homeland Security Law and Policy
Human Trafficking Law
Immigration Criminal Enforcement
Immigration Law I
Information Privacy Law
Intelligence Law
Internal Investigations, Modern Politics, and the Office of the Inspector General
International Criminal Law
International Law
International Law of Human Rights
International Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism
Internet Law
Law in Cyberspace
The Law of Emergencies: Natural Disasters, Climate Crises, Pandemics, and Beyond
Law of Separation of Powers
Law of the Sea
Legal Drafting (National Security)
Law of War
Legislation
Legislative Analysis and Drafting
Military Justice
Nation Building and the Rule of 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)
Reading Group (Blockchain Law and Policy)
Refugee and Asylum Law
Role of the Federal Prosecutor
Selected Topics in Cybersecurity Law
Selected Topics in Government Contracts (Government Procurement of Technology)
Selected Topics in National Security Law
Space Law
Technology Foundations for Cybersecurity
Telecommunications Law
Thesis
Transnational Security
U.S. Export Control and Economic Sanctions
U.S. Foreign Relations Law
Veterans Advocacy
Veterans Law

NATIONAL SECURITY AND U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS LAW

Anti-Corruption and Compliance
Artificial Intelligence Law and Policy
Aviation Law and National Security
Blockchain: Law, Policy, and Cybersecurity
Comparative Military Law
Computer Crime
Congressional Investigations
Counterintelligence Law and Policy
Counterterrorism Law
Crisis and Legal Controversy in the CIA
Cybersecurity Law Crisis Challenges: Protecting Critical Infrastructure, Risk Management, and Incident Response
Cybersecurity Law and Policy
Cybersecurity Law and Technology
Disinformation, National Security, and Cybersecurity: Overview and Legal Approaches
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Field Placement (National Security Law Fellow)
Global Privacy Law and Conflict Seminar
Graduate Clinical Studies
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
Homeland Security Law and Policy
Human Trafficking Law
Immigration Criminal Enforcement
Immigration Law
Information Privacy Law
Intelligence Law
International Criminal Law
International Law
International Law of Human Rights

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 International Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism
 The Law of Emergencies: Natural Disasters, Climate Crises, Pandemics, and Beyond
 Law of Separation of Powers
 Law of the Sea
 Law of War
 Legal Drafting (National Security) Legislation
 Legislative Analysis and Drafting
 Litigation with the Federal Government
 Military Justice
 Nation Building and the Rule of Law
 National Security Law
 National Security Law Seminar
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 Professional Responsibility and Ethics (National Security)
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 Role of the Federal Prosecutor
 Selected Topics in Cybersecurity Law
 Selected Topics in National Security Law
 Selected Topics in Public International Law
 Space Law
 Technology Foundations for Cybersecurity
 Thesis
 Transnational Security
 U.S. Export Control and Economic Sanctions
 U.S. Foreign Relations Law
 Veterans Advocacy
 Veterans Law

For related courses, please see the Law School Bulletin.

PRIVACY, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY LAW

Artificial Intelligence Law and Policy
 Blockchain: Law, Policy, and Cybersecurity
 Computer Crime

Constitutional Law Seminar (Cyber, Privacy and Speech)
 Consumer Privacy and Regulatory Protection: Regulatory Approaches
 Consumer Protection Law
 Criminal Law and Procedure Seminar (Privacy, Policing, and Surveillance)
 Cybersecurity Law Crisis Challenges (Protecting Critical Infrastructure, Risk Management, and Incident Response)
 Cybersecurity Law and Policy
 Cybersecurity Law Seminar
 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
 Reading Group (AI Manipulation and the Law)
 Securities Law Seminar (Fintech Law and Policy)
 Selected Topics in Criminal Law and Procedure (Forensic Evidence and Technology in Criminal Cases)
 Selected Topics in Cybersecurity Law
 Selected Topics in Technology Law (Frontiers and Flashpoints in Law and Tech)
 Selected Topics in Technology Law (Law in the Algorithmic Society)
 Technology Foundations for Cybersecurity
 Technology Law Seminar
 Telecommunications Law

Special Program

GW-Oxford Summer Program in International Human Rights Law

(see course listings under International and Comparative Law above)

ADVANCED DEGREE

Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD)

** 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 2026-27 Law School Bulletin.*



We support your career advancement

A dedicated LLM Career Counselor works closely with each student to help them develop an individual plan for their next steps. In addition, the counselor assists in hosting professional development events for LLM students, including networking receptions with practitioners and alumni, career counseling, mock interviews, and resume workshops.

With one of the largest legal career counseling teams in the country, GW Law is dedicated to helping LLM students develop a personalized career path in today's competitive job market, whether it be for an internship during the academic year or for full-time employment upon completion of their LLM.

Each year, GW Law participates in the International Student Interview Program held in New York. The counselor also can assist international students in career planning, whether the student plans to remain in the United States to gain practical training before returning to their home country or plans to sit for a U.S. bar exam.



**Our alumni practice law
throughout the United States
and in more than 40 countries
around the world.**



A dedicated Career Counselor and Bar Advisor serves both U.S. and international LLM students, with the support of one of the largest career counseling teams in the country.

A SAMPLE OF LLM GRADS EMPLOYMENT:

- Accenture
- Amazon Web Services
- Blank Rome LLP
- Council on American-Islamic Relations
- Derains & Gharavi (Paris, France)
- International Monetary Fund
- J.P. Morgan Chase
- Licks Attorneys (Brazil)
- Oniverse (Milan, Italy)
- Save the Children
- Squire Patton Boggs (London, UK)
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- U.S. Copyright Office

A Front-Row Seat To History

The Nation's Capital

The movers and shakers in the world of law and policy all have ties to D.C. Many of them teach at GW Law; others come to visit. Each year, our students are enriched by networking opportunities provided by more than 400 on-campus events featuring high-level officials and practitioners.

In addition, GW Law hosts major conferences and symposia throughout the year. For example, the law school hosts the State Department's Public International Advisory Committee meetings, which are open to the public. In addition, we host conferences on international arbitration and on anti-corruption and anti-terrorism, along with annual events such as the Shapiro Conference on environmental law, the Manuel F. Cohen Lecture given by notable figures in business and finance law, the annual intellectual property symposium, and the Global Internet Freedom Project featuring speakers on the intersection of internet freedom and human rights.





Dean Dayna Bowen Matthew and retired Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer.



Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson with a student.



A City of Surprises

Washington, D.C.

Another advantage of attending GW Law is participating in the life of the city. D.C. is a vibrant, multinational city of diverse treasures. The resonance of its history is everywhere. Our students frequently tell stories of walking near campus and doing a double-take as they spot the edge of the Lincoln Memorial or the top of the Washington Monument. Such extraordinary, everyday moments.

D.C. is full of those moments. It offers a blend of American history, international flavor, and cultural activity that few cities can match, and it has been called the most livable city on the East Coast. Each neighborhood has a unique character, and few cities can match D.C.'s urban energy or its highly educated and multinational population.

As with any great city, D.C. is home to world-class museums, as well as bookstores, theaters and concert halls, seasonal festivals, professional sports teams, coffee bars, and an eclectic mix of restaurants.

GW Law students can easily access almost any part of the D.C. metro area using Metrorail and Metrobus. From the Foggy Bottom-GWU stop, located right on campus, students can arrive within minutes at internships on Capitol Hill, a baseball game at Nationals Park, or an exhibit at the National Gallery.

The D.C. metropolitan area can be a great place for raising a family as well. In addition to numerous strong public school systems, there is a wide variety of kid-friendly activities (many of them free).





★ 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.

DEADLINES

LLM Applicants

Application opens: September 1

Spring admission: November 15

Fall admission Binding Early Decision: February 1

Fall admission Binding Presidential (\$50,000 annual scholarship): February 1

Fall admission priority consideration; March 1

Fall admission final deadline: May 1

Applications will be accepted starting on September 1 and decisions will be made on a rolling admissions process.

SJD Applicants

Application period opens: September 1

Application deadline: March 1 (fall entry only)

The law school admits a very limited number of candidates for the SJD degree starting in the fall. This is a highly specialized, research-oriented program and is open only to individuals with outstanding academic qualifications and demonstrated research interests in their field of study.

For this admissions cycle, the \$80 application fee has been waived for first time applicants.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

All applicants will be automatically considered for merit and other scholarships, as appropriate, at the time of application. There is no separate scholarship application.

GW Law welcomes veterans and participates in the Veterans Administration's Yellow Ribbon Program.

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Binding Early Decision Process

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Binding Presidential Merit Scholarship Program (\$50,000 annual scholarship)

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