JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

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

2022-23
DC’s oldest law school, still ahead of its time

For more than 150 years, GW Law students have studied law in the center of the most dynamic legal and policy activity in the United States: Washington, D.C.
I’ve met the movers and shakers here at GW. I can say, yes, I’ve met Jeff Bezos’s team, along with the people shifting the paradigm in Silicon Valley. They’ve been so friendly. They’ve given me their cell phone numbers, and I’ve gotten first-person advice from experts.

—LAILA GHAURI, JD ‘18
FOUNDER, ANTARES LAW FIRM
Our graduates make history

GW Law has an impressive record of educating forward-thinking leaders. By 1895, our graduates had already written the patents for Bell's telephone, Mergenthaler’s linotype machine, and Eastman's roll film camera.

Today, GW Law prepares students with the theoretical and practical knowledge to view the law in an increasingly global context. With an extensive curriculum, a faculty of well-respected scholars and practitioners, high-quality externship opportunities in the nation’s capital, robust mentorship programs, and an emphasis on professionalism and career development, we assist students in exploring the law in depth and finding their own place within it.

At GW Law, we offer each student a team of professors, counselors, colleagues, and mentors dedicated to helping that student create a pathway to a successful career. That is the GW Law Experience.
The number of opportunities to excel at GW hits you from Day One. The flexibility of the curriculum allows you to take advantage of hands-on externships and classes taught by adjuncts so you graduate with real-world connections and experience. And because you’re a GW student, you have a strong, connected alumni community that respects one another.

NICOLAS SABET, JD ’18
ASSOCIATE, COOLEY LLP
Our professors bring the legal world to our classrooms. For instance, Professor Bradley Clark led a recent conversation with his friend Justice Elena Kagan (pictured left) before an auditorium of students.

Our professors argue before the Supreme Court, testify on Capitol Hill, and teach at GW Law. Our professors are not only scholars, but that they engage in shaping the practice and evolution of the law. That experience and access benefits our students.

In addition, our D.C. location allows us to draw from the leading legal practitioners to round out our adjunct faculty. Leading practitioners from the State Department, top think tanks, and local and federal courts, bring real-world experience to our classrooms as adjunct professors.
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 18 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 Care Law 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
- Health Rights Law Clinic
- International Arbitration
- International Negotiations
- Mediation
- Negotiations

**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
- 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
- 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)
- 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

**JURIS DOCTOR PROGRAM**

**An Extensive Curriculum**
Selected Topics in Banking Law
Selected Topics in Corporate Law
Selected Topics in Public Law
Selected Topics in Securities Law
Small Business and Community Economic Development Clinic
Sports and the Law
State and Local Taxation
Tax Policy Seminar
Trade and Sustainable Development
Unincorporated Business Organizations and Agency Law
U.S. Export Control Law and Regulation
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 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
International Criminal Law
Military Justice
Rising for Justice
Transnational Security
White Collar Crime

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY LAW
Administrative Law
Advanced International Trade Law
Air Pollution Control
Animal Law Seminar
Atomic Energy Law
Coastal, Navigation, and Wetlands Resource Law
Control of Solid and Hazardous Wastes (RCRA & CERCLA)
Energy Law and Regulation
Energy Law Seminar
Environmental and Toxic Torts
Environmental Crimes
Environmental Issues in Business Transactions
Environmental Law
Environmental Law Seminar
Environmental Lawyering
Environmental Negotiations
Federal Facilities Environmental Law Issues
International Climate Change Law
International Environmental Law
International Project Finance
International Trade Law
Natural Resources Law
Oil and Gas Law
Regulated Industries
Regulation of Toxic Substances Risk
Selected Topics in Energy Law
Selected Topics in Environmental Law
Trade and Sustainable Development
Water Pollution Control

FAMILY LAW AND ESTATE PLANNING
Domestic Violence Law
Domestic Violence Project
Elder Law
Estate Planning and Drafting
Family, Child, and State
Family Justice Litigation Clinic
Family Law
Family Law Seminar
Feminist Legal Theory
International Family Law
Legal Drafting (Family Law)
Sexuality and the Law
Trusts and Estates
Trusts, Estates, and Professional Responsibility

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT LAW
Anti-Corruption and Compliance
Comparative Public Procurement
Federal Grants Law
Formation of Government Contracts
Government Contracts
Government Contracts Advocacy
Government Contracts Cost and Pricing
Government Contracts Moot Court
Government Contracts Overview
Government Contracts Seminar
Government Procurement of Intellectual Property Seminar
Performance of Government Contracts
Procurement in International Development
Selected Topics in Government Procurement

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HEALTH LAW
Administrative Law
Antitrust
Client Interviewing and Counseling Corporations
Disability Rights Law
Elder Law
Employee Benefit Plans
Environmental and Toxic Torts
Evidence
Family Law
Family Law Seminar
Federal Income Taxation
Food and Drug Law
Genetics and the Law
Health Law and Policy
Health Care Law Seminar
Health Rights Law Clinic
Insurance
Law and Medicine
Law and Psychiatry
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 Crime
Copyright Law
Design Law
Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the U.S.
Trade Commission
Entertainment Law
The Federal Circuit
Government Procurement of Intellectual Property Seminar
Information Privacy Law
Intellectual Property
Intellectual Property Antitrust Seminar
Intellectual Property Law Seminar
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
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 Clinic
Comparative Constitutional Law

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Comparative Law
Comparative Law Seminar
Comparative Public Procurement
Dispute Resolution
Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the U.S.
International Trade Commission
Human Rights Lawyering
Immigration Clinic
Immigration Criminal Enforcement
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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
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 Law and Regulation
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
Civil Procedure Seminar
College of Trial Advocacy
Comparative Constitutional Law
Comparative Military Law
Complex Litigation
Conflict of Laws
The Craft of Judging
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
Pre-Trial Advocacy
Pre-Trial Practice in Civil Cases
Pre-Trial Practice in Criminal Cases
Products Liability
Race, Racism, and American Law
Remedies
Rising for Justice
Role of the Federal Prosecutor
Selected Topics in Civil Procedure
Scientific Evidence Seminar
Vaccine Injury Litigation Clinic
NATIONAL SECURITY, CYBERSECURITY, AND U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS LAW
Admiralty
Artificial Intelligence Law and Policy
Comparative Military Law
Computer Crime
Computer Law
Congressional Investigations Seminar
Constitutional Law Seminar (Cyber, Privacy, and Speech)
Counterintelligence Law and Policy
Counterterrorism Law
Cybersecurity Law and Policy
Disaster Law
Domestic Terrorism
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act
Homeland Security Law and Policy
Immigration Criminal Enforcement
Immigration Law
Information Privacy Law
Intelligence Law
International Criminal Law
International Law
International Law of Human Rights
International Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism
Internet Law
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Law of the Sea
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Telecommunications Law
Transnational Security
U.S. Export Control Law and Regulation
U.S. Foreign Relations Law
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PROPERTY AND LAND DEVELOPMENT
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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 2021-22 Law School Bulletin.
The Inns of Court programming is so valuable. It helps to reinforce practical matters like how to talk to attorneys and interact with clients and colleagues. It helps you focus on your development as a professional.

BOSEUL “JENNY” JEONG, JD ’20
ASSOCIATE, MORRIS, MANNING & MARTIN
At GW Law, we encourage students to examine their interests before exploring the law in depth to find their individual paths toward professional satisfaction. As 1Ls, students enter cohorts that we call the Inns of Court. Each Inn cohort offers a sense of community, along with enrichment programs designed to enhance the law school experience and support students in determining and pursuing their individual career paths. Through formal and informal mentorships with career counselors, faculty, upper-level students, and alumni in Inns of Court programming and beyond, we equip students with the resources to plan the careers best suited to them. Because we support their varied explorations, our students discover a culture of collaboration among their classmates. For instance, it is not uncommon for our students to share class notes or prep together for moot court competitions.

Our students evolve into the professionals they envision themselves becoming through courses; hands-on experiences, such as in the Jacob Burns Community Legal Clinics, where they represent actual clients in real-life cases; in the Field Placement Program, where they earn academic credit through approved externships and co-requisite courses; and in various internal and external moot court competitions.
Through the Prisoner and Re-entry Clinic, under the direction of Professor Jessica Steinberg, our students have won two separate clemency cases that freed long-time prisoners.

Rudolph Norris, whose sentence was commuted after more than 20 years in prison, with Professor Steinberg.
Real-World Experience, Real-World Impact

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. Current clinics include:

- Civil Access to Justice Clinic: Employment Law
- Civil Access to Justice Clinic: Family Law
- Civil Access to Justice Clinic: Medical Legal Partnership
- Civil and Human Rights Law Clinic
- Criminal Appeals and Post-Conviction Services
- Criminal Defense and Justice Clinic
- Domestic Violence Project
- Family Justice Litigation Clinic
- Health Rights Law Clinic
- Immigration Clinic
- Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic
- Prisoner and Re-entry Clinic
- Public Justice Advocacy Clinic
- Rising for Justice
- 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. For instance, students who hold externships in government agencies take the course Public Interest Lawyering, which examines the roles and responsibilities of government and public affairs lawyers.

**PUBLIC INTEREST AND PRO BONO:** The Class of 2022 contributed more than 74,229 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. Notably, GW Law allows students to begin pro bono work as soon as the second semester of their 1L year.

**MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS:** GW Law was ranked as the sixth best moot court program in the country for 2020-21 by the Blakeley Advocacy Institute. Over the past 14 years, GW Law’s Van Vleck Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition has been presided over by Supreme Court Justices Samuel Alito (twice), Antonin Scalia, Elena Kagan, Sonia Sotomayor, Brett Kavanaugh, and Chief Justice John Roberts.
Enhance Your Study

GW IN NY: Upperlevel 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, as well.

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 Civil Liberties Union | J. Reuben Clark Law Society |
| American Constitution Society | Jewish Law Student Association |
| Anti-Corruption & Compliance Association | Labor & Employment Law Society |
| Antitrust Law Association | Lambda Law |
| Art Law and Entertainment Society | Latin American Law Student Association |
| Asian/Pacific American Law Student Association | Law Association for Women |
| Atypical Student Society | Law, Justice, and International Development Society |
| Banking and Securities Law Society | Law Revue |
| Black Law Student Association | Middle Eastern and North African Law Society |
| Christian Legal Society | Military Law Society |
| Corporate and Business Law Society | Muslim Law Students Association |
| Criminal Law Society | National Lawyers Guild |
| East Asian Law Society | National Security Law Association |
| Entertainment and Sports Law Association | Nota Bene |
| Entrepreneurship and Law Society | Phi Alpha Delta, Legal Fraternity |
| Environmental and Energy Law Association | Phi Delta Phi, International Legal Honors Society |
| Equal Justice Foundation | Political Law Society |
| European Community of Justice | Promissory Notes |
| Evening Law Student Association | Public Speaking and Debate Law Society |
| The Federalist Society | Society of European Law Students |
| The Feminist Forum | South Asian Law Student Association |
| Government Contracts Students Association | Space Law Society |
| Gulf Recovery Network | Street Law |
| GW Law African Law Association | Student Animal Legal Defense Fund |
| GW Defenders | Student Health Law Association |
| Law Students for Reproductive Justice | Tax Law Society |
| Immigration Law Association | Tech Law Student Association |
| International Arbitration Student Association | Uyghur Human Rights Initiative |
| International Law Society | Veteran Law Students Association |

Blue Bars
JOURNALS: Students may apply for membership in one of nine student-run journals.

The George Washington Law Review
The George Washington International Law Review
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
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 in the field of international human rights come together to study international human rights through GW’s program each summer. Classes are held and accommodations provided at New College, Oxford. Approximately 65 students representing more than a dozen countries participate each year.

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. Typically, 25 students from GW Law, other American ABA-approved law schools, and foreign law schools participate each summer.

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–UNIVERSITÁ 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.
Career counseling at GW starts immediately. Your career counselor gets to know you and what you want and then connects you with resources. My counselor sent me information about my internship and said ‘apply!’

MICHAELA LOVEJOY, JD ’20
STAFF ATTORNEY, EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS
A Front-Row Seat

GW Law in DC

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 our students have unprecedented access to externships year-round, as well as countless opportunities to interact with those who create and enact policy.

For example, GW Law’s International and Comparative Law Program frequently hosts the State Department’s Public International Advisory Committee Meetings, which are open to the public. More than 400 events are held on campus each year, bringing high-level officials and practitioners to campus. Our students benefit from the vast number of networking opportunities that these events provide.
The Career Center has one of the largest legal career counseling teams in the country. Our career counselors collectively represent more than 80 years of experience in legal and counseling professions. The counselors, who are all trained, licensed attorneys, are assigned to each of the six first-year student sections collectively called the Inns of Court. Each counselor follows that cohort of students throughout the three or four years of law school, although students are free to meet with any counselor in the Career Center.

Our counselors have expertise in multiple areas of employment, including law firms, judicial clerkships, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, federal and state courts, and private sector employers.

As a result, our alumni hold clerkships; work at large, medium, and small law firms; serve in government positions; and work in international and domestic business ventures, among other positions. Each year, approximately 60 GW Law students secure clerkships with federal, state, and local judges immediately after graduation.

Building Your Career

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ALUMNI NETWORKING

With more than 32,000 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.

MENTORSHIP

First-year students receive individual and group mentorship and benefit from weekly Inns of Court sessions on networking, informational interviews, and the job search process, among many other programs. In addition, second- and third-year students can be paired with alumni mentors who can help advise them along the path to success.

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
- Online Career Resource Library
- Fall and Spring Job Recruitment Programs
- Job Postings
- Diversity Events and Programs
- Part-time Student Counseling and Programming
- 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 have an amazing legal research and writing curriculum (now incorporated into the Fundamentals of Lawyering). There are also the Writing Center and the Dean’s Fellows for added assistance. My experience really boosted my confidence and expanded my idea of the legal landscape.

BAZYEN SELASSIE, JD ’20
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, U.S. SENATE
A City of Surprises

Washington, DC

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 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.
Regardless of where students choose to sit for the bar or practice law, GW Law offers the legal education and career services that assist them in meeting their goals. The law school curriculum focuses on federal common law, rather than limiting the emphasis to the laws of one particular state, so students leave GW Law with global legal knowledge that allows them to sit for the bar in any state.

In addition, the Career Center brings recruiters to campus from around the country to meet with our students. Each year, the center 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.

The law school’s network of more than 32,000 alumni serves as an invaluable asset for our students. The Alumni Career Network puts current students and recent graduates in touch with alumni who can provide career advice and opportunities.

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

Top Bar Passage States:

2. New York 7. Massachusetts
3. Virginia 8. Florida
4. Maryland 9. Georgia

The Class of 2021 recorded a 99% pass rate for first-time takers of the D.C. bar.
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 or GRE 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**.
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 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, 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.
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.
WASHINGTON MONUMENT

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.