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A GUIDE *to* LEGAL RECRUITING

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
Columbus School of Law

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Thank you for your interest in the Columbus School of Law's recruiting program. For more than 100 years, our law school has trained exceptional legal practitioners, men and women of notable competence, character and compassion. As a group, they stand ready to contribute immediately: in the workplace, in the courtroom and to society at large. As the law school of The Catholic University of America, the Columbus School of Law has a unique institutional profile. Through a rigorous academic program, supported by a superb faculty and rich intellectual resources, the law school instills in its students the skills and diverse base of knowledge to thrive in the complex legal landscape of the 21st century. Yet, it also encourages and nurtures a commitment to the Catholic tradition of service to the individual and community. Through pro bono work or other activities, so many Catholic University law graduates find ways to give back to society. They are "servant-leaders" in the finest sense of the term.

I am very proud of our law school and the kind of graduate we present to the world. However, I certainly don't expect you to rely on the dean's word alone. Come see for yourself. We welcome your visit to the Columbus School of Law and look forward to introducing you to our talented student body. If you are not one of the hundreds of employers already recruiting at Catholic University law school, you may be missing the opportunity to enrich your workplace with some of the finest attorneys — and finest people— that you will ever meet.

With best wishes,
Veryl V. Miles
Dean and Professor of Law



GRADUATES *Prepared* TO PRACTICE

Experienced, connected, achievers: Our job placement rate exceeded 93 percent in 2008, and as top employers everywhere already know, Catholic University law school graduates are highly skilled and sought-after attorneys who make measurable contributions to their chosen areas of law.

A sampling of current positions held by our alumni includes: *chief judge, United States Court of Federal Claims; partner, Baker & McKenzie; senior attorney, ATT Corporation; U.S. senator and U.S. representative; vice president and general counsel, Comcast; deputy chief, FCC; director, MCI corporation; and vice president for Transaction Services, NASDAQ.*

The Columbus School of Law is also the primary area supplier of legal talent to the federal bar. Approximately one-quarter of each graduating class finds employment in the government sector, more than twice the national average. Hundreds of our graduates fill high-ranking slots within federal agencies. CUA law school alumni are especially well represented at the Department of Justice, the Securities Exchange Commission, the Labor Department and the Federal Communications Commission.

- **Institutes and Special Programs:** We offer students the opportunity to concentrate their course of study in five of the most important and dynamic bodies of regulatory law in the world. The **Institute for Communications Law Studies**, the **Law and Public Policy Program**, the **Securities and Corporate Law Program**, the **Law and Religion Program**, and the **Comparative and International Law Institute** impart to students the advanced skills and specialized knowledge that employers seek. Through the coursework, externships, research opportunities and lecture series that make up these institutes and special programs, students gain the extensive knowledge and skills necessary to excel in a competitive legal market. More than 1,000 CUA law school students have earned institute or special program certification.
- **Catholic University's clinical curriculum is ranked among the top dozen in the nation.** It provides students with the practical skills critical for success. Under faculty supervision, students gain invaluable courtroom experience. They draft briefs, counsel clients and negotiate settlements. Our clinical program provides students real-life lawyering skills. The law school's eight programs offer a variety of clinical experiences suited to most students' personal learning objectives. Six programs emphasize case planning and strategy, trial or administrative advocacy, and work with clients in real situations: Advocacy for the Elderly; the Families and the Law Clinic; the General Practice Clinic offered by Columbus Community Legal Services; Mediation Clinic; Criminal Prosecution Clinic; and D.C. Law Students in Court, civil and criminal divisions. The other two programs are the Securities and Exchange Commission Student Observer Program and the Legal Externship Program in which students with special interests can set up individual placements.
- Realtors like to speak of **location, location, location**. The same applies to law schools. The law school's extensive alumni network throughout Washington, D.C., and its priceless location just minutes from the White House, Capitol, Supreme Court, hundreds of federal agencies and some of the country's most prestigious law firms means that Catholic University law students have the unique opportunity to gain unparalleled professional experiences and knowledge.





FALL 2008 ENTERING CLASS

The Columbus School of Law seeks the widest possible diversity in its student body and solicits applicants from all parts of the country and from all professional, religious and racial/ethnic backgrounds. Our goal is to matriculate students who will excel academically and contribute to the ethical advancement of the legal profession. Entering classes typically are composed of approximately 300 students, selected from roughly 3,500 applications.

<u>Full-Time Division</u>	
GPA	
Median	3.38
75th Percentile	3.57
LSAT	
Median	158
75th Percentile	160
Gender Distribution	56% women 44% men
Minority Representation	24%

WHERE OUR GRADUATES WORK

Ninety-one percent of the Class of 2008 was employed within nine months of graduation. Our graduates were employed throughout the country and the District of Columbia. While the majority of our students select private practice, a large number enter government service or business. In 2008, we had five students receive federal clerkships and 24 who received state clerkships.

Representative Employers

PRIVATE PRACTICE

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
 Arnold & Porter LLP
 Bingham McCutchen LLP
 Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft
 DeCaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & DeBlasis LLP
 Dechert LLP
 Dickstein Shapiro LLP
 DLA Piper US LLP
 Dykema Gossett PLLC
 Epstein, Becker & Green PC
 Fulbright & Jaworski LLP
 Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto
 Harter, Secrest & Emery LLP
 Hogan & Hartson LLP
 Jones Day
 Jordan Burt LLP
 Keller and Heckman LLP
 K & L Gates LLP
 McCandlish & Lillard, P.C.
 Mibank, Tweed, Hadley & McCoy LLP
 Miles & Stockbridge, PC
 Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky & Popeo

Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP
 Patton Boggs LLP
 Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker LLP
 Reed Smith LLP
 Robinson & Cole LLP
 Saul Ewing LLP
 Steptoe & Johnson LLP
 Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
 Sutherland LLP
 Venable LLP
 White & Case LLP
 Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP
 Wiley Rein LLP
 Willkie Farr & Gallagher
 Wilmer Hale
 Winston & Strawn LLP

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
 Federal Reserve Board
 Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
 Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp.
 U.S. Air Force JAG Corps
 U.S. Army JAG Corps

U.S. Department of Labor
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 U.S. General Accountability Office
 U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Office of Chief Counsel
 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission
 U.S. Navy JAG Corps

STATE GOVERNMENT

Cook County State Attorney's Office (Chicago)
 Maryland Office of the Public Defender
 Miami-Dade State's Attorney's Office
 New York County District Attorney's Office (Manhattan)
 New York District Attorney (Bronx)
 Philadelphia District Attorney's Office

JUDICIARY

Federal and state courts nationwide
 Fairfax County Circuit Court
 State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch

RECRUITING SERVICES

Catholic University law school's fall and spring recruiting programs attract hundreds of national and local employers to campus for the purpose of hiring law students for summer and permanent positions. Besides law firms, our program attracts recruiters from federal, state and local government agencies, corporations and public interest organizations.

The Office of Career and Professional Development offers a full range of services and looks forward to working individually with your office to develop a recruiting plan.

Fall Recruiting

On- and off-campus interviewing: Our fall recruiting program begins in August and runs through October. Employers have the opportunity to screen and pre-select individual students to interview either on campus or in the employer's office. For on-campus interviews, the law school provides a suite in which to conduct interviews.

Video Conferencing: Employers have the option to interview candidates via video conference through our media services department.

Résumé Collection: OCPD understands that some employers are unable to meet with students on campus. For these employers, OCPD is able to collect résumés from interested students for employer review. The employer is responsible for scheduling individual student interviews.

Direct Application: Employers may choose to have students contact them directly. OCPD will distribute information about those employers to students.

To participate in Catholic University's fall recruiting program, OCPD recommends that employers register as soon as possible after March 2. Employers may register through our Web page at <http://law.cua.edu/career>, click on "Employers," then "Simplicity: Fall Recruiting 2009 Registration," or call OCPD at 202-319-5132.

Spring Recruiting

Spring recruiting begins in February and runs through May. Employers who choose to participate may do so through on- and off-campus interviews, résumé collection or direct application.

Online Job Listings

OCPD posts full-time, part-time, clerkship and permanent opportunities for students and alumni. Last year, OCPD posted more than 1,000 job announcements. Employers always are invited to publicize job openings to students and alumni through OCPD's Simplicity jobs databases, available at <http://law.cua.edu/career>, click on "Employers," then "Simplicity: Post a Job."

Alternatively, employers may post by e-mailing the job announcement to jobs@law.edu or by faxing a copy of the job announcement to 202-319-4734.





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