

EDUCATING A *DIFFERENT* KIND OF LAWYER

NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL





At Notre Dame Law School, we see the law as more than just a profession.

We encourage students to view the practice of law as a service to others, to explore the moral and ethical dimensions of the law, and to discover their unique roles in furthering the cause of justice.

As an eminent law school at the heart of a great Catholic university, our view of legal education is informed and inspired by our religious tradition. It's a tradition that spans the globe, embraces people of all backgrounds, and illustrates the possibilities of dialogue between reason and faith.

With rigorous academics, attentive faculty, and a close-knit community, Notre Dame is a place where generations of lawyers have found their callings. They have learned to be counselors to those in need, to be voices for the voiceless, and to use their talents to uphold human dignity.

They have learned what it means to be a different kind of lawyer.



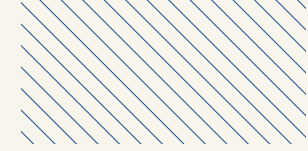


ACADEMICS



Notre Dame Law School's curriculum—a mix of analytical training in the classroom and hands-on experiences in externships, clinics, skills courses, and immersion programs—is designed to provide students with the foundation they need to practice law in a diverse, global economy. The Law School is noted for its particular strength in constitutional law, ethics, law and religion, and international law.

Students pursuing a J.D. have the option of specializing in a particular area of the law by following one of our programs of study. Some students choose to pair their J.D. with a second Notre Dame degree, such as an MBA or a Master of Global Affairs, through one of our dual-degree programs. Law students who do not pursue a dual degree are allowed to take 9 credit hours in Notre Dame's other graduate programs.



#10

BEST CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

Princeton Review

#17

RANK IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

US News & World Report

7:1

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO



ACADEMICS

DEGREES

J.D., LL.M., J.S.D.

DUAL DEGREES

J.D./MBA
(3-year and 4-year options)

J.D./M.A. in English

J.D./M. in Engineering

J.D./M. in Global Affairs

J.D./M.S. in Engineering,
Science & Technology
Entrepreneurship

J.D./Ph.D. in Political Science



DEAN

G. MARCUS COLE

Joseph A. Matson Dean
and Professor of Law



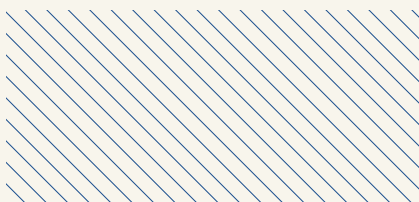
“I can’t stress enough what a special place the University of Notre Dame is and the role the Law School plays within it.

“Our mission statement calls us to train a different kind of lawyer, one that has an impact for good, one who is a force for good. As the needs of our society call for ethically and morally guided lawyers and leaders, Notre Dame will continue to answer that call.”



DEAN'S INITIATIVES

Since arriving at Notre Dame Law School in 2019, Dean G. Marcus Cole has established the groundbreaking Religious Liberty Initiative, opened the Exoneration Justice Clinic, and expanded international programs through his Global Lawyering Initiative. He has also seen the enrollment of the most diverse classes in the Law School's history.



185

STUDENTS IN 1L CLASS

We aim to enroll no more than 185 students in each first-year class. These small class sizes ensure that our expert faculty are accessible to students.

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STUDENT-RUN JOURNALS

Notre Dame Law Review
Journal of International & Comparative Law
Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy
Journal of Legislation
Journal on Emerging Technologies

35+

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

These organizations enable students to plan their own programming, network, and build community with others who share common interests.

No class sections, No class rankings

We do not divide our student body into sections, and we do not rank students by GPA. These are two intentional ways that Notre Dame Law School fosters a sense of community where classmates know each other and learn together in a collegial environment.





FACULTY



Notre Dame Law School’s faculty members are renowned scholars who are respected within academia and the legal field.

Many of our professors have served as judicial clerks, including 14 at the U.S. Supreme Court. One longtime faculty member, Amy Coney Barrett, was appointed as a Supreme Court justice in 2020. Other professors came to academia with

years of experience in law firms and businesses that enable them to offer valuable insights in the classroom. The Law School’s small class sizes mean that our professors get to know students on an individual level. Our faculty recognize that educating a different kind of lawyer requires one-on-one attention as students discern their unique roles in furthering the cause of justice.



**FACULTY HAVE
BEEN APPOINTED
TO SERVE IN**

- The White House
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. State Department
- U.S. Treasury Department
- Meta Oversight Board
- Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- United Nations
- Venice Commission of the Council of Europe
- The Vatican



Stephanie Barclay

Professor Stephanie Barclay, who directs Notre Dame Law School's Religious Liberty Initiative, clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch during the court's 2021-22 term.



Paolo Carozza

Professor Paolo Carozza, an expert on international law, currently serves on the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe.



Michael Addo

Professor Michael Addo, director of the ND London Law Programme, has contributed his expertise to United Nations projects in the areas of business and human rights.

<p>50⁺</p> <p>FULL-TIME FACULTY</p>	<p>14</p> <p>FORMER SUPREME COURT CLERKS</p>	<p>#6</p> <p>BEST PROFESSORS*</p>
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**Princeton Review ranking for best professors*



FACULTY RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

Members of the Notre Dame Law School faculty are diverse in terms of their backgrounds, philosophies, and scholarly interests. Faculty expertise covers all areas of the law.

Many faculty members hold doctoral degrees in other subjects that relate to their areas of

legal expertise. This interdisciplinary approach is reflected in the Law School's six research programs, which enable our professors to concentrate on their research, collaborate with other scholars throughout the world, and host conferences and lectures. The programs also provide opportunities for students to be directly involved in research projects.



**INTERDISCIPLINARY
RESEARCH PROGRAMS**

CHURCH, STATE & SOCIETY

**CONSTITUTIONAL
STRUCTURE**

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
& TECHNOLOGY LAW**

LAW & ECONOMICS

LAW & MARKET BEHAVIOR

PRIVATE LAW



FACULTY MENTORSHIP

With small classes and a 7:1 student-faculty ratio, our professors are able to get to know students on an individual level. Also, many faculty members live near Notre Dame's campus and are more accessible than they would be in a major metropolitan area.

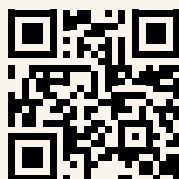
It's not unusual for faculty members to help students make connections with other lawyers, judges, and business professionals, and provide guidance to students about pursuing careers, specific areas of practice, and clerkships.



“I cannot speak highly enough of our faculty here at ND Law. Coming to law school, especially one with this level of prestige and rigor, I would have never guessed faculty would have such a noticeable interest in building relationships with students.”

Class of 2024

JOSHUA MANNERY
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI



FACULTY



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Professor Jimmy Gurulé, director of the Exoneration Justice Clinic, speaks to media in July 2021 about Andrew Royer, the clinic's first exoneree.



Experiential learning—which includes opportunities in clinics, externships, skills courses, and immersion programs—is a core component of the Notre Dame Law School curriculum. These programs complement the analytical training of the classroom by enabling students to develop practical skills and explore potential career paths.

The Law School offers a wide variety of experiential learning opportunities on campus, in the greater South Bend community, and in London, Chicago, and Washington, DC. The Law School operates five clinics that function as teaching law offices where 2Ls and 3Ls work on real cases under the close supervision of faculty.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CLINICS



APPLIED MEDIATION
CLINIC

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

EVICTON CLINIC

EXONERATION JUSTICE
CLINIC

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
CLINIC



EXPERIENTIAL
COURSES



“Meeting clients was the most meaningful experience I had at the Exoneration Justice Clinic. Whether they’re currently fighting for their freedom or exonerated years ago, their ability to remain resilient and strong is truly admirable.”

Class of 2023

RILEY REALING
Casper, Wyoming





CORPORATE COUNSEL

IMMIGRATION

INTERCOLLEGIATE
ATHLETICS

JUDICIAL

PUBLIC DEFENDER

PUBLIC INTEREST

SEVENTH CIRCUIT
PRACTICE

APPALACHIA

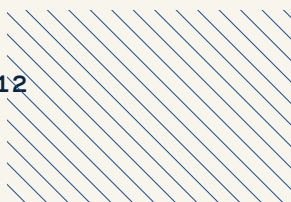


EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING EXTERNSHIPS

Notre Dame Law School teaches students to think like lawyers and practice the skills that are important for success in the profession. This education includes getting out of the classroom and working on cases with real clients, lawyers, and judges.

The Law School's broad array of externships enables students to "try out" virtually any area of

law. Students may participate in externships during the academic year at nonprofit organizations, government agencies, judicial chambers, and corporate counsel offices in the South Bend area, in Chicago and Washington, DC, and while studying abroad in London. Students can even create their own externships through the Public Interest Externship.



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING SKILLS COURSES

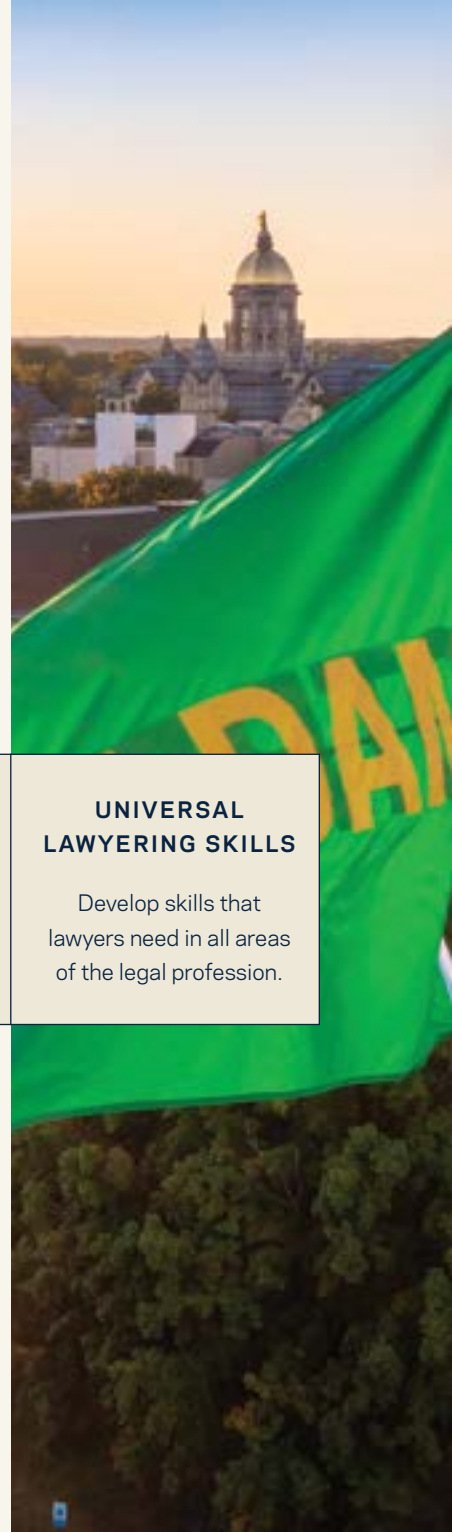
Notre Dame Law students hone their lawyering skills through courses that require them to practice the crafts of advocacy and legal writing under simulated conditions. The Law School has long been a national leader in trial

advocacy training in particular. Most students at Notre Dame Law School participate in at least one trial advocacy, appellate advocacy, or transactional skills course.

<p>TRIAL ADVOCACY</p> <p>Practice trial skills through exercises such as depositions and simulated trials.</p>	<p>TRANSACTIONAL SKILLS</p> <p>Learn to draft contracts and protect clients' designs.</p>	<p>APPELLATE ADVOCACY SKILLS</p> <p>Practice brief writing and learn how to argue a case at the appellate level.</p>	<p>UNIVERSAL LAWYERING SKILLS</p> <p>Develop skills that lawyers need in all areas of the legal profession.</p>
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Nereida Lopez '21 J.D. poses with her client from the Law School's Immigration Externship, which is through the National Immigrant Justice Center. ND Law students have won eight asylum cases in the past three years through the externship.



CLASS OF 2026

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED IN THE 1L CLASS

Amherst College
Baruch College
Baylor University
Benedictine College
Boston College
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bryan College
Bucknell University
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State
University, San Luis Obispo
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve
University
Catholic University of America
China University of Political
Science and Law
College of the Holy Cross
Concordia College
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
DePauw University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Elon University
Emory University
Florida International University
Florida State University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of
Technology
Gettysburg College
Gordon College
Grinnell College
Grove City College
Harvard University
Hillsdale College
Hitotsubashi University
Illinois State University
Indiana University Bloomington
John Brown University
John Jay College of Criminal
Justice
Johns Hopkins University
King's College
Lakeland University
Liberty University
Loyola University Chicago
Manhattanville College
Maranatha Baptist University
Miami University
Michigan State University
North Carolina State
University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oakwood University
Occidental College
Oklahoma Baptist University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Rhein-Waal University of
Applied Sciences
Rice University
Samford University
Santa Clara University
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Siena College
Southern Methodist University
St. John's University
Stephen F. Austin State
University
Swarthmore College
Thomas Aquinas College
Union College
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of California,
Berkeley
University of California,
Los Angeles
University of California,
San Diego
University of California,
Santa Barbara
University of Chicago
University of Dallas
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana-
Champaign
University of Maryland
University of Michigan-
Ann Arbor
University of Michigan-
Dearborn
University of Minnesota
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Nevada,
Las Vegas
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina
Wilmington
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Scranton
University of Southern
California
University of St. Thomas
University of Texas at Austin
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-
Madison
Utah Tech University
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
and State University
Washington University in
St. Louis
Wheaton College
Xavier University
Yale University

CURRENT 1L CLASS PROFILE

2,476

Applications Received

180

1Ls Enrolled

51%

Women

35%

Students of Color

20–41

Age Range of 1Ls

24

Average Age

170

LSAT 75th Percentile

169

LSAT Median

164

LSAT 25th Percentile

3.92

Undergraduate GPA 75th Percentile

3.83

Undergraduate GPA
Median

3.67

Undergraduate GPA
25th Percentile

36

States Represented
(including DC)

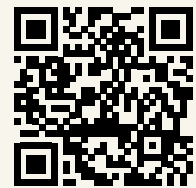
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Undergraduate Colleges and
Universities Represented

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

At Notre Dame Law School, diversity means all of us—all races, genders, sexual identities, faith traditions, abilities, backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. In the past three years, the Law School has enrolled the three most diverse classes in the Law School's history. Among other relevant diversity factors, people of color made up 33 percent of the students who enrolled in fall 2021, 36 percent of the students who enrolled in fall 2022, and 35 percent of the students who enrolled this fall.

The Law School is committed to Notre Dame's principles of respecting the dignity of every person, building a welcoming community in which all can flourish, and living in solidarity with all. This commitment can be seen across the Law School through programming and support offered by our student organizations and the Law School's faculty and staff, including Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Max Gaston.



LISTEN TO THE
DEI PODCAST



INTERNATIONAL

Students in the Notre Dame London Law Programme take classes in Fischer Hall, located next to Trafalgar Square in central London.



Notre Dame Law School has been a leader in international legal education since establishing the Notre Dame London Law Programme in 1968. The one-of-a-kind program enables students to spend a semester or a full year at Notre Dame's London campus, learning from premier British and European legal scholars.

In addition to London, ND Law students may study in one of our exchange programs at top law schools in nine countries.

International opportunities are also available in the summer with our Dublin Honor Scholars Program and Hamburg Honor Scholars Program.



LONDON



GLOBAL
LAWYERING

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS



CHILE



CHINA



GERMANY



ISRAEL



ITALY



KENYA



FRANCE



IRELAND



SWITZERLAND



“I did not have the opportunity to study abroad as an undergraduate, so having that option was an important factor in my law school search. I spent a full year in the London Law Programme. One of my best experiences was my externship with a Notre Dame graduate and barrister who practices internationally.”

Class of 2023

TAYLOR WEWERS
Fort Smith, Arkansas



CAREERS

Alumni and students network at the Notre Dame Lawyers of Chicago reception at the Chicago Athletic Association.

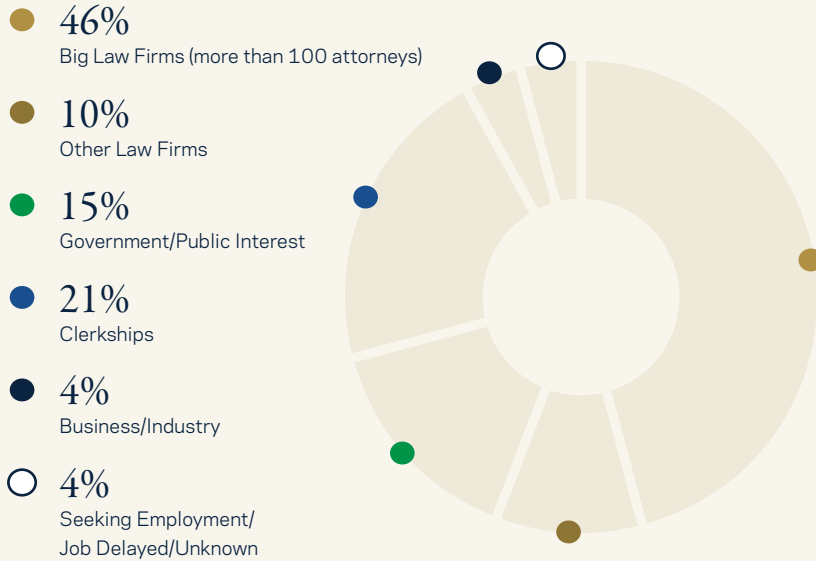


Notre Dame Law School is devoted to preparing all students to succeed on their individual career paths. The Law School welcomes employers from all over the United States to campus each August to interview rising 2Ls and 3Ls through the On-Campus Interview Program.

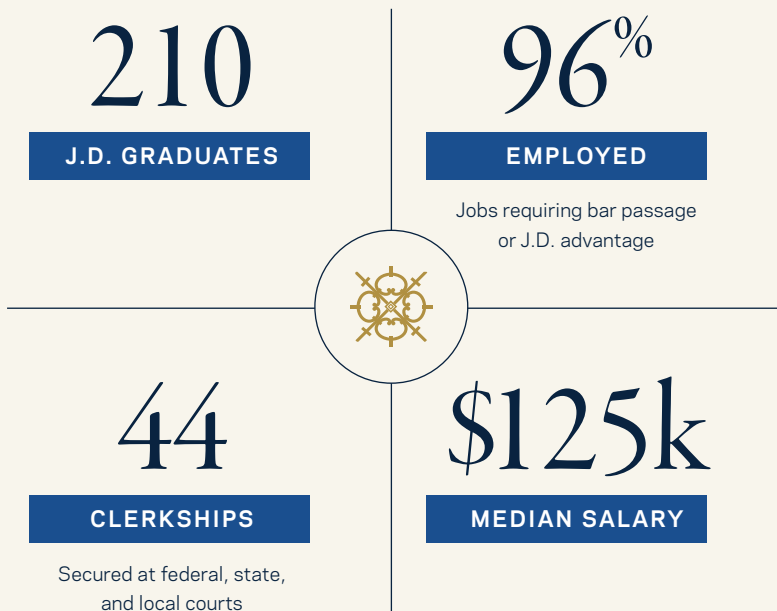
Employers from more than 275 offices in more than 60 cities interview ND Law students on campus through the program.

The Career Development Office and dedicated faculty are equipped to assist students with securing clerkships.

WHERE ND LAW'S CLASS OF 2022 WORKS



CLASS OF 2022 EMPLOYMENT 10 months after graduation



4th

IN FEDERAL CLERKSHIPS

More than 15 percent of our 2022 graduates entered federal clerkships upon graduation, the fourth best rate among American law schools.

In the years following their graduation, individuals from our 2018-22 classes have obtained at least 228 clerkships in federal, state, and local courts across the United States, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

PUBLIC INTEREST PROGRAMS

Notre Dame has a history of encouraging its graduates to use their education for the public good—it's a responsibility that flows directly from the University's Catholic mission.

ND Law's Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) covers graduates in public interest jobs with salaries as high as \$100,000. The program is designed to enable our alumni in those fields to achieve total forgiveness of their federal student loans in less than 10 years with minimal out-of-pocket payments.



Students mingle with employers during the kickoff reception for Notre Dame Law School's On-Campus Interviews.

CAREERS NATIONAL NETWORK

One of the benefits of earning a degree from Notre Dame Law School is that graduates become members of a vibrant alumni community.

Notre Dame Lawyer Committees, which organize events and service projects, are active in more than 30 major cities. These loyal alumni are eager to assist students and new graduates with networking and mentorship as they start their careers.

The Law School organizes networking opportunities throughout the academic year, during winter break, and over the summer. These events take place on campus and across the country to aid students in their nationwide job searches.



PROFESSIONAL
LIFE

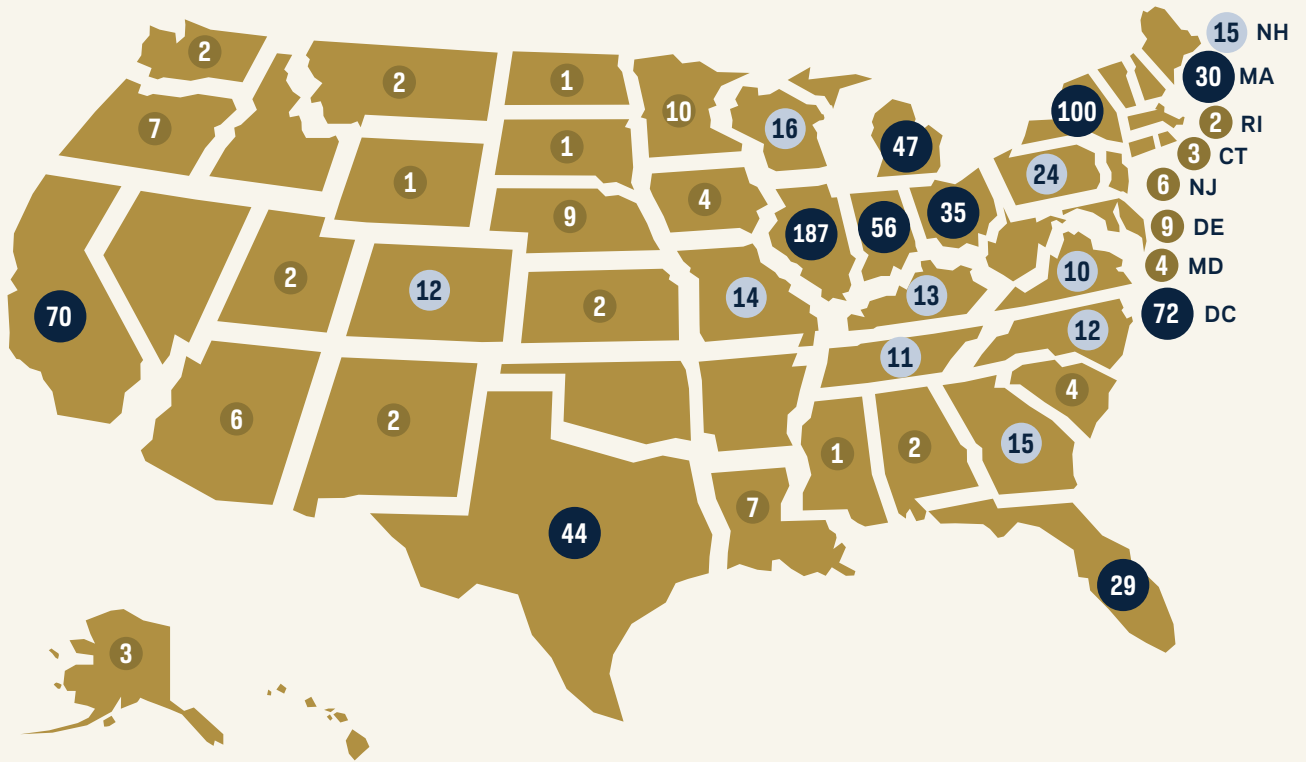
From Coast to Coast



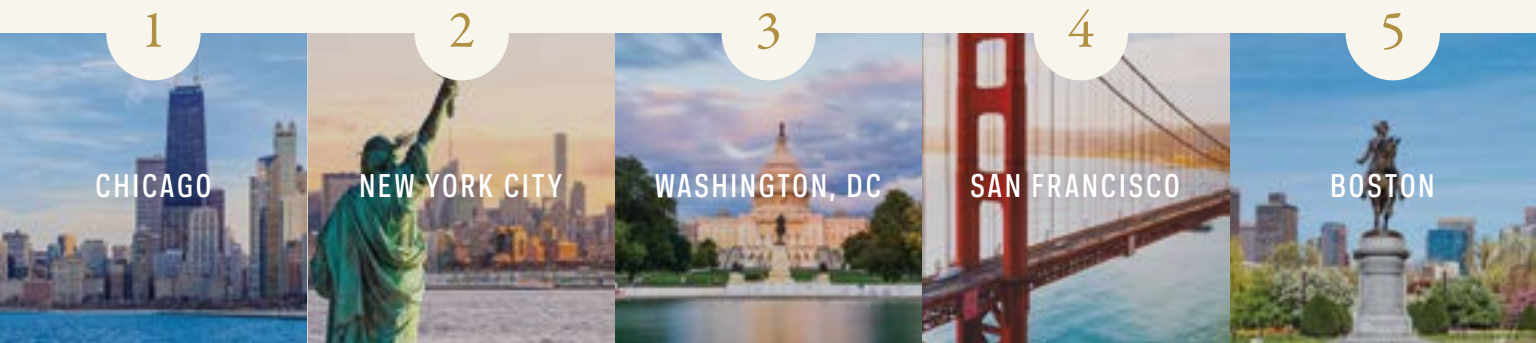
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ND LAWYER
COMMITTEES

INITIAL JOB PLACEMENT OF ND LAW GRADUATES (2018-22)



TOP CITIES FOR ND LAW GRADUATES (2018-22)





COMMUNITY

Law students cheer on the Fighting Irish at Notre Dame Stadium wearing The Law School Shirt, which is designed by students each year.



The University of Notre Dame is widely regarded as having one of America's most beautiful college campuses. The Law School's location in the heart of campus contributes to the strong sense of community here as law students are able to participate fully in the life of the University.

Notre Dame is both Catholic and catholic. The first word refers to the Catholic Church and the faith that drives Notre Dame's mission to be a force for good. The lowercase word means universal and describes how Notre Dame, as a great university, embraces people of all backgrounds, faiths, and viewpoints.



Students volunteer at Green Bridge Growers, a nonprofit run by Professor Jay Tidmarsh's family.



“The best thing about Notre Dame Law School is the friendly and caring culture. Everyone is so invested in your well-being and success, from the faculty to current students and even alumni.”

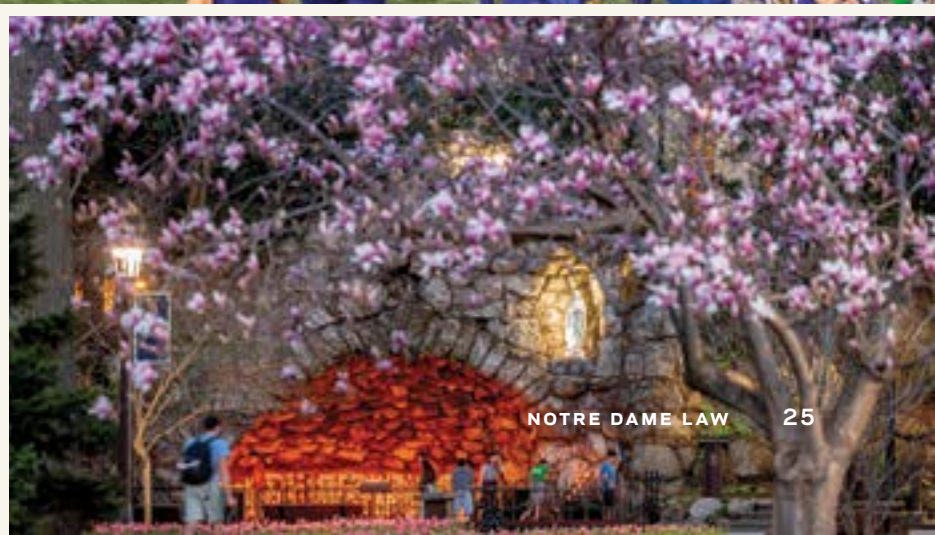
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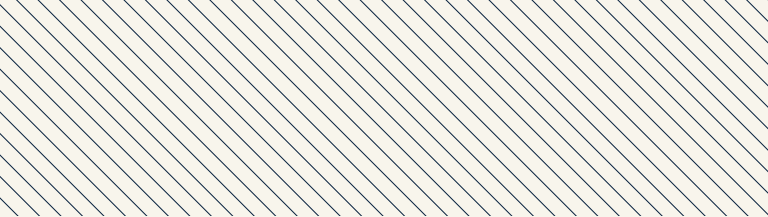
JERRY LU
Holmdel, New Jersey



Mass is celebrated six days per week in the Law School's St. Thomas More Chapel.







COMMUNITY LIVING IN SOUTH BEND

The University of Notre Dame is located right next to South Bend, Indiana—a diverse city that’s big enough to provide everything you need without the traffic and high costs of a major metropolitan area.

Notre Dame offers on-campus graduate student housing that is a 10- to 15-minute walk from the Law School. Many off-campus housing options are available nearby in South Bend and the surrounding community. Living in close proximity to campus and to each other

makes it easy for law students to spend time together, whether that time is spent studying or having fun.

Downtown South Bend and several other city neighborhoods have been undergoing a renaissance in recent years. Private developers have renovated several historic buildings, adding more restaurants and hundreds of apartments to the city center. The city is also directing more attention to the St. Joseph River by investing in a riverside trail system and upgrading waterfront parks.



Four Winds Field, home of the South Bend Cubs

<p>102k</p> <p>SOUTH BEND'S POPULATION</p>	<p>800k</p> <p>POPULATION OF MULTI-COUNTY "MICHIANA" REGION</p>
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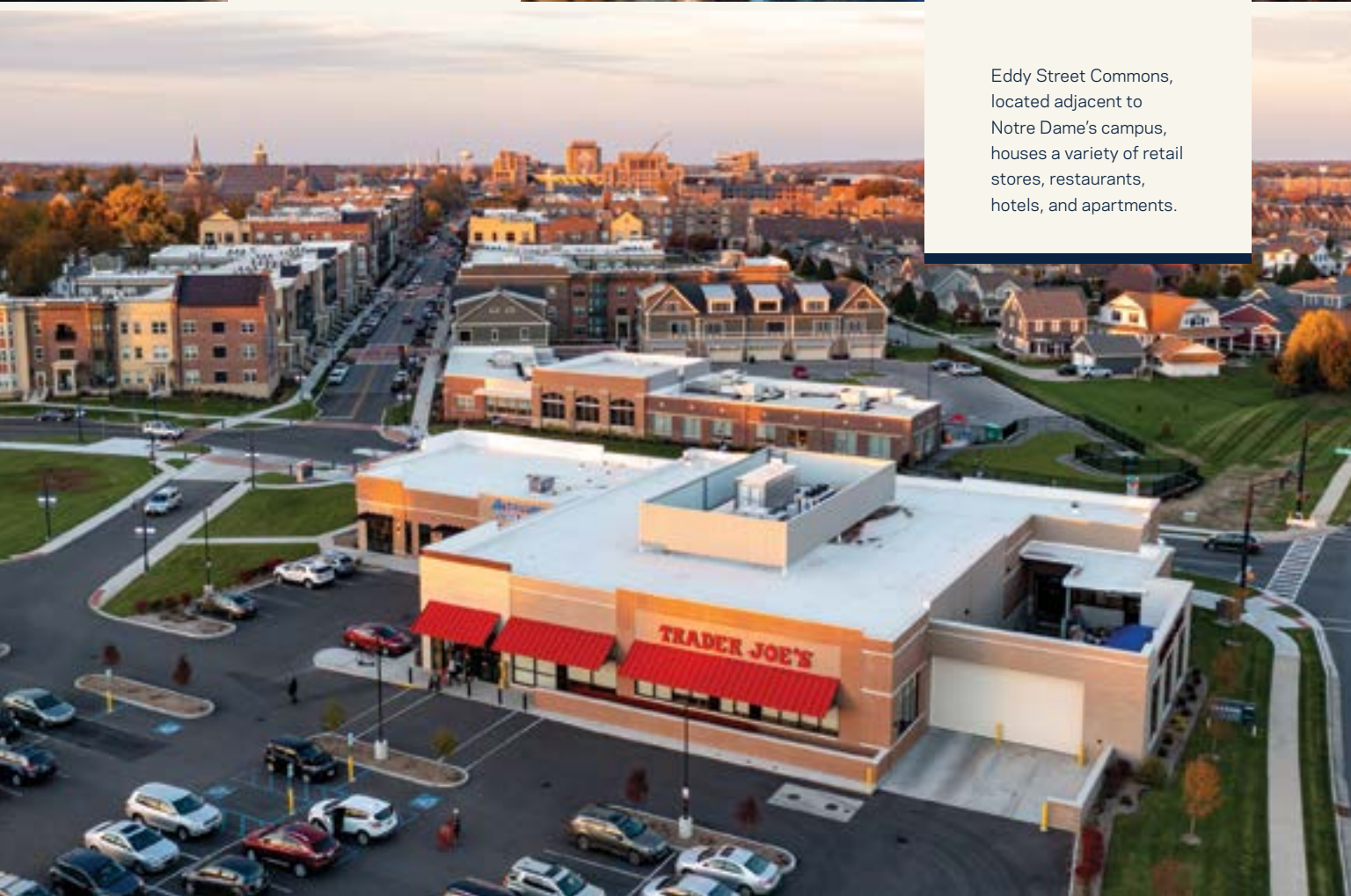
River Lights in downtown South Bend



Downtown South Bend
and St. Joseph River



STUDENT LIFE



Eddy Street Commons,
located adjacent to
Notre Dame's campus,
houses a variety of retail
stores, restaurants,
hotels, and apartments.



APPLY

law.nd.edu/apply

You may apply to Notre Dame Law School via LSAC beginning September 1.

Our Admissions Committee seeks to enroll a talented, diverse class that will help Notre Dame Law School achieve its mission of educating lawyers who serve the good of the human family. We evaluate applications in a holistic manner to identify those candidates whose academic talent, personal background, professional experiences, and points of view will ensure our community personifies the pursuit of excellence and leadership for the betterment of society.

VISIT

law.nd.edu/visit

Prospective students are invited to connect with our admissions staff and student ambassadors in-person or remotely.

On-campus visits include a class observation, an admissions information session, and a student-led tour of the Law School. Please check **law.nd.edu/visit** for registration information and further details.

We look forward to meeting you!

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

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lawadmit@nd.edu
law.nd.edu/admissions

DATES, DEADLINES, AND FEES

APPLICATION DATES AND DEADLINES

SEPT. 1

Applications Accepted

MARCH 15

Application Deadline

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Application form
- ✓ Bachelor's degree in any discipline from an accredited college or university
- ✓ LSAT or GRE
- ✓ Personal statement
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ "Why Notre Dame Law School?" essay*
- ✓ "Different Kind of Lawyer" essay*

**Recommended*

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

DEC. 1

FAFSA Opens

FEB. 28

FAFSA Deadline

ND Law's Federal Code: 001840

fafsa.ed.gov

IMPORTANT FEES

\$75

Application Fee*

\$68,554

Tuition and Fees 2023–24

\$13,050

Estimated Room and Board 2023–24

**Service and need-based fee waivers application available at law.nd.edu/waiver*



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NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Notre Dame is committed to building an inclusive community and welcomes all individuals. All prospective students are encouraged to read the University's Spirit of Inclusion statement as well as the University's policies for reporting discriminatory harassment at equity.nd.edu.

The full nondiscrimination policy may be viewed at law.nd.edu/nondiscrimination.