

A photograph of three people in a library or study area. On the left, a young man with glasses and a dark jacket looks towards the center. In the middle, an older man with a beard, wearing a blue shirt and a red tie, smiles. On the right, a young woman with long blonde hair, wearing a grey top, is gesturing with her hands while holding a red book. The background features a large, modern glass and steel structure with a grid pattern.

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for integrity,
civility, thoughtful
decision-making,
and a commitment
to the greater good.

Delaware Law



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Come join us at Delaware Law!

You will find a supportive community that believes the learning and practice of law should be filled with passion, energy—and joy. We are committed to your success. At Delaware Law, you will develop intellectually and hone your skills as communicators, negotiators, and advocates. Most critically, you will develop a sense of professionalism, informed by sound ethical sensibilities, the cultivation of professional judgment, and a willingness to give back to the legal system and the public.

Delaware Law attracts students from throughout the region, the nation, and the world, offering a sophisticated, nationally and internationally focused curriculum. As the only law school in Delaware, however, we have a special strategic connection to the legal system of this influential state. For more than a century, Delaware has been an

extraordinary legal beacon, with some 50 percent of all American corporations and 60 percent of Fortune 500 companies incorporated in the state. At Delaware Law, we embrace the nationally celebrated “Delaware Way,” an approach to legal, civic, and corporate professionalism that emphasizes civility, bipartisan negotiation, and a reasoned approach to shared governance.

You will be entering a profession of vast diversity and opportunity. You may emerge a family lawyer, a global business lawyer, a criminal prosecutor or defender, an environmental lawyer, a civil rights lawyer, or an expert in intellectual property—there are countless possibilities. Whatever your specialty, and wherever in the world you may ultimately practice, the Delaware Way will serve you admirably in your pursuit of a meaningful and consequential professional life.

We welcome you!

Dean Rodney A. Smolla





Learning the Law

THE SCHOOL

Widener University Delaware Law School, the only law school in the state, is an integral part of a collegial legal community in America's corporate capital. Signature programs focus on corporate and business law, trial advocacy, environmental law, and family health law and policy.

Faculty members are top-rated teachers and scholars with broad expertise, and they are dedicated to your success as a student and future lawyer. You will gain valuable experience beyond the classroom in a variety of experiential programs, including representing clients, performing community service, and shaping environmental or family health law policy.



THE DELAWARE WAY

Learning the law is more than memorizing statutes and decisions. At Delaware Law, you will gain a deeper understanding of the ethical foundation that supports our profession, known as the Delaware Way. Its principles spring from the

nationally renowned practice of law here in Delaware, distinguished by its culture of civility, integrity, and mutual respect. Embracing this set of values will position you well for greater leadership and satisfaction in your legal career.

The Delaware Way is your way forward.



In an atmosphere of collegiality and respect, law students work with faculty members and one another to develop professional expertise.

FOUNDED

1971

DELAWARE CIVIL LAW CLINIC

43,820

Student case hours since 1988.

STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

2

On Board of Advisors

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

24%

Among class of 2015 employed graduates

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP SITES

97

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP HOURS

7,980

Student judicial externship hours for the 2015–16 academic year.

PRO BONO HOURS

12,020

Performed by 81 grads in the class of 2016 over the course of their law school careers.

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

11:1

PRO BONO WILLS PREPARED

695

For first responders by volunteer students and attorneys, as part of the Delaware affiliate for the National Wills for Heroes Foundation.

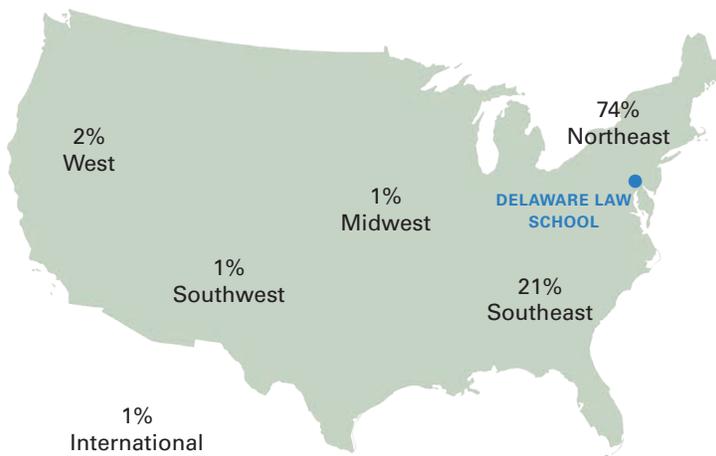
ALUMNI MENTORS

1,295

ALUMNI JUDGES

172

WHERE YOU'LL FIND OUR GRADUATES



VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS RECOVERED

\$9 million

By Veterans Law Clinic students and attorney volunteers since 1997.

ALUMNI LAW FIRM PARTNERS

782

EXTERNSHIP SITES

180

EXTERNSHIP HOURS

21,740

Student externship hours for the 2015–16 academic year.

LOCATION

Within 2 hours: New York and Washington, D.C.

About 1 hour: Baltimore

Less than 1 hour: Philadelphia

CAMPUS HOUSING

- Residence halls: 2
- Single-occupancy rooms: 141
- Townhouses: 24

CAMPUS TOURS

M–F, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

20

Including:

- Black Law Students Association
- Environmental Law Society
- Food and Drug Law Association
- Health Law Society
- Intellectual Property Society
- International Law Society
- Latin American Law Students Association
- Military Law Society
- Public Interest Law Alliance
- Women’s Law Caucus

An outstanding legal education begins with an excellent faculty.

Faculty Expertise Matters

Our faculty members are routinely appointed to high-level leadership positions, lending their legal expertise to state and federal court systems, state legislatures, bar associations, and international organizations. Judges from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware are adjunct faculty members, including Delaware Supreme Court Justice Randy J. Holland.

Corporate law faculty interface seamlessly with leaders of the state's unique business climate, which includes more than half of the nation's Fortune 500 companies. Family health law and policy faculty helped law review students organize a recent ground-breaking symposium on domestic violence that will influence policy development nationally. Faculty scholarship in environmental law has broken ground in sustainability, climate change, environmental citizen suits, energy, international law, toxic torts, and constitutional law.

Delaware Law leadership knows no boundaries.



An Innovative Approach

Delaware Law is fully invested in your learning and success. A carefully planned curriculum is balanced with in-depth instruction in legal fundamentals and ample opportunities to explore more specialized areas of law. This integrated approach provides the knowledge, skills, and professionalism needed for you to become a successful member of the legal community.

Our innovative curriculum will help you develop practical skills through classroom simulations and in live client clinical placements. Our Multiple Assessment program offers valuable feedback from dedicated faculty who are fully committed to all facets of your professional development.



Learn from the best in the classroom— and in the field.



Environmental law
faculty involve
students in their
ground-breaking
research.

Academic Options

JD degrees include the juris doctor as well as three dual degrees that combine the JD with business administration (JD/MBA), public health (JD/MPH), and marine policy (JD/MMP).

Concentrations that enable you to develop expertise in specific areas of law are offered in environmental law, business organizations, family health law and policy, trial advocacy, and criminal law.

Added Value

In addition to your coursework, you may hone your trial skills through moot court or contribute to a legal journal—including the highly ranked *Delaware Journal of Corporate Law* and the *Widener Law Review*. Options abound, and participation in campus organizations and off-campus opportunities will greatly enhance your law school experience.



1. Clinic students practice advocacy skills in preparation for their court appearances.
2. Faculty accessibility is consistently cited by students as one of the law school's strengths.
3. A law student conducts an intake interview for the Medical-Legal Partnership.
4. As a judicial extern, a law student experiences the inner workings of the court system.
5. Students represent clients in a variety of cases, including family health law issues.



The Delaware Law curriculum, combined with experiential learning, builds a solid foundation for legal practice.



Signature Programs

These programs offer intense, specialized legal training and concentrations in the study area, and they leverage the extensive expertise of the faculty to enrich student learning.

Institute of Delaware Corporate and Business Law provides training in law governing publicly traded businesses, business organizations, and business advising.

Taishoff Advocacy, Technology, and Public Service Institute offers training in the fundamental skills essential to becoming a competent, professionally responsible advocate. It also focuses on criminal law and the use of technology in the judicial systems.

Global Environmental and Natural Resources Law Institute provides ample opportunities for hands-on learning and focuses on protection of water, land, and endangered species.

Family Health Law and Policy Institute empowers students with the legal knowledge, skills, and experience to improve health outcomes for families.

Flexible Scheduling

Delaware Law offers a three-year, full-time JD program and a four-year, part-time program with day and evening classes, enabling you to choose the schedule that best balances your life and work commitments. You may begin your studies in either the summer or fall, and online elective courses may expand your scheduling choices.

Practical learning
placements
provide
opportunities
to work with
leaders outside
the classroom.





Building Legal Skills

You will have opportunities to apply classroom knowledge to real cases, working under the supervision of practicing attorneys in our outstanding **law clinics** and with other practitioners in a variety of **externships**, including judicial and public service placements. Our students routinely represent domestic violence victims, veterans, and environmental nonprofit organizations.

You will have countless opportunities to learn by serving. You may find your passion in a pro bono placement through the Public Interest Resource Center. Or, you may choose to participate in **Youth Court**, training middle school students to hear cases involving their peers. The program focuses on restorative justice and helps rule-breakers avoid the detrimental consequences of the school disciplinary system. You may work with the **Medical-Legal Partnership** examining the ways in which unmet legal needs are affecting the health of vulnerable populations. You may serve first responders in the **Wills for Heroes** program, helping draft basic wills, durable powers of attorney, and advance health care directives.

When you graduate from Delaware Law, you will carry with you legal knowledge from direct experience.



**At Delaware Law,
you will learn not only
from distinguished
professors but also
from your intellectually
curious, dedicated,
fellow law students.**



Law Clinics

Our robust clinical program provides students —under the supervision of full-time faculty members who are skilled, licensed attorneys— with opportunities to represent clients in criminal and civil cases. There is no better way to prepare for legal practice.

The **Delaware Civil Law Clinic** has provided pro bono legal representation, advice, and referrals for more than 30 years. Since 1988, law students have assisted 7,974 clients at an estimated equivalent value of \$5,477,500.

Since 1989, the **Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic** has involved 350 interns in projects to protect water, air, soil, and endangered species. Law students have litigated more than 250 cases in 20 federal and state judicial and administrative courts, including 9 federal district courts and 4 federal circuit courts of appeal.

In the **Pennsylvania Criminal Defense Clinic**, students are certified to represent defendants in criminal trials. Since its opening in 1995, the clinic’s work has also included post-conviction representation of death-row inmates in both state and federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

The **Veterans Law Clinic**, which was recognized in *National Jurist’s* coverage of “innovative clinics,” was the first of its kind to champion compensation for disabled veterans. It was honored in 2014 with the Delaware Governor’s Outstanding Volunteer Award for community service and recognized by the ABA as a model for veterans law clinics.

Externships

Clinical, judicial, and health law externships provide opportunities for second- and third-year students to work with judges, state and local prosecuting attorneys, public defenders, legal service lawyers, and government officials. Judicial externs experience the court system firsthand while conducting legal research and drafting documents for judges. Valuable family health law experience is gained from positions available in hospitals and schools throughout the region.

Josiah Oliver Wolcott Fellowships offer five law students each year a prestigious opportunity to clerk for a justice of the Delaware Supreme Court or with the Delaware Court of Chancery.

Our vibrant campus is ideally located.

Delaware Law boasts an expansive, 34-acre campus that combines the best of a natural setting that is easily accessible to local amenities—restaurants, shopping malls, and movie theaters. Comfortable on-campus housing is close to many social, cultural, and recreational attractions in the Brandywine River Valley.

Four major cities—Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York City, and Washington, D.C.—are within a two-hour drive. If you prefer a walk on the beach, the New Jersey and Delaware shores are nearby as well.

The campus itself is lively, with approximately 20 student-led organizations and opportunities to engage in a variety of intellectual and recreational pursuits. You may choose to write for a law journal, sharpen your dispute-resolution skills, volunteer for a community service project, participate in an oral advocacy competition—or play a vigorous game of rugby. With a diverse, interesting mix of law students, you will have opportunities to debate the issues of the day.



Career support and alumni mentors help ensure your success.

A Delaware Law counselor will support your professional goals, guiding you to positions that match your legal interests and assisting with all aspects of the search, including salary negotiation. Workshops, training programs, and networking sessions strengthen job-search skills, and employers regularly visit our campus to recruit.

Our students also rely on a strong network of alumni mentors who provide valuable insight about, and knowledge of, career opportunities. In addition, Delaware Law consistently outpaces the national average in coveted clerkships—24 percent of the employed graduates from the Class of 2015 obtained judicial clerkship positions.

Alumni Network (11,000+)

Judges	169
Law Firm Partners	782
Presidents	71
CEOs	41
COOs	5
CFOs	3
Chief Legal Counsel	5
Government	658
Solo Practice	589

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Externship placement has led to permanent employment at the Office of Conflicts Counsel. Delaware Law alumni mentors also serve a major role in career development.

Admission to Delaware Law

Our holistic admissions process considers not only your undergraduate GPA and LSAT scores, but also your work and life experiences, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and graduate study. We require a personal statement and suggest letters of recommendation. We welcome diversity and encourage women and ethnic minority members to apply.

Flexible scheduling enables you to apply for full- or part-time programs with day or evening classes. Transfer and visiting applicants are considered for admission after having first completed one full year of law school. All applicants are considered for the Trial Admissions Program (TAP), which recognizes potential for success in law school despite a low GPA or LSAT score. Visit delawarelaw.widener.edu/admissions for additional admissions information.

Apply Now

The application process is paperless —and free— if you apply on or before February 1. You can submit your application and all supporting materials electronically on our website at delawarelaw.widener.edu/apply or through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) at LSAC.org.

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Financial Aid

Delaware Law strives to make each student's investment in the study of law manageable. Along with competitive tuition and fees, we offer scholarships that reward academic talent and achievement. To learn about the array of financial aid resources, we encourage you to visit our website at delawarelaw.widener.edu/fa.

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Accreditation

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