# Loyola University Chicago School of Law



# SCHOOL of LAW



Choosing a law school is an important decision. Loyola University Chicago School of Law offers a comprehensive, well-rounded educational experience that will provide you with the skills, knowledge, and networks to excel in the legal profession.

Founded in 1908, the School of Law is a student-focused law school inspired by the Jesuit tradition of academic excellence, intellectual openness, and service to others, with a distinctive social justice mission.

As a student, you'll receive a superior legal education from leading faculty in an inclusive, welcoming environment that will prepare you for a successful career in law. Being in the city of Chicago—among the top three most sophisticated legal markets in the country—you'll find unlimited opportunities to make valuable connections and reach your professional goals.

- **Question the status quo.** Dive into cutting-edge curriculum rooted in active, collaborative study to learn how to advance a rule of law that promotes social justice.
- **Broaden your perspective.** Through multiple hands-on experiences in our clinics and externships, you'll graduate with skills to help you succeed in practice.
- Make lasting connections. You will have many opportunities to interact with our strong alumni network of more than 12,500 Loyola lawyers.

Ready to learn more? Contact us at LUC.edu/law/JDapply.

# A WORLD-**CLASS CITY**

A leading center of law, commerce, and government, Chicago offers unlimited opportunities for you to advance your professional goals. Chicago is home to many of the nation's top trial and transactional lawyers. You'll make important connections with professional colleagues and the many Loyola law alumni who've stayed on to become the city's leading lawyers.

# **LIVING IN CHICAGO**

The School of Law is located in the heart of Chicago's famous Magnificent Mile, surrounded by restaurants, shopping, and culture. Chicago's diverse neighborhoods and communities are among the many features that make the city appealing and interesting. Most of our students live in neighborhoods throughout the city and suburbs. Many great neighborhoods are within walking distance of the School of Law; these include studentfriendly areas along Chicago's lakefront and in the vibrant Gold Coast area. Your housing search can go beyond the Gold Coast and lakefront too—Chicago has more than 200 different neighborhoods! The city's convenient and vast public transportation system makes it easy to get around.

600+ PARKS

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7,300+ RESTAURANTS

250+

70+

2.7 million

200+

30 MILES OF LAKEFRONT

Water Tower Place

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAMS

THEATRES

MUSEUMS

RESIDENTS

NEIGHBORHOODS



## PREPARED FOR PRACTICE

Employers are increasingly demanding practice-ready law graduates, and Loyola ensures that students gain invaluable work experience before graduation from either a legal practice or clinical setting. Our students complete at least six credit hours in externships, comprehensive simulation courses, clinics, or practica. Every student will have the opportunity to serve clients in a real practice setting before graduation. You'll learn to apply substantive law to real-life situations and have a solid advantage when you seek employment.

#### Externships

Each school year, hundreds of students participate in off-campus externships and summer field placements, both in Chicago and nationwide. Opportunities span across all areas of the law. Recent field placements include the ACLU of Illinois, American Dental Association Legal Affairs, Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing, James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, Cook County Sheriff's Office, Illinois Commerce Commission, Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, Chicago Public Schools, and many judicial externships. Students may receive academic credits for both paid and unpaid externship positions.

#### **Experiential learning**

Loyola's renowned advocacy program offers moot court, mock trial, alternative dispute resolution, and arbitration experiences. Other simulation courses include areas of litigation, dispute resolution, and corporate law.

#### **Clinics and practica**

Loyola's clinical programs and practica offerings reflect the school's social justice mission, provide students with vital practical experience under close faculty supervision, and help participants develop an understanding of professionalism and ethics. Combining practical skills and public service, most of our clinics reach out to underserved Chicagoans:

- Business Law Clinic
- Civitas ChildLaw Clinic
- Community Law Center
- Criminal Law Practicum
- Education Law Practicum
- Federal Tax Clinic
- Health Justice Project
- Immigration Law Practicum
- Legislation and Policy Clinic
- Veterans Practicum



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# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

In your first year at Loyola, you'll work closely with our highly regarded faculty to learn the art of legal analysis and foundations of the American legal system.

In the spring semester, full-time JD students may choose from a wide array of elective courses to begin the journey toward specialization.

#### **Elective courses**

- Access to Healthcare
- Business and the Law
- Education Law and Policy
- Global Access to Medicine: A Patent Perspective
- International Human Rights
- Law and Poverty

# Multiple opportunities for specialization

As your legal education progresses, you'll have the opportunity for classroom and clinical learning in Loyola's several Centers of Excellence and other specialty programs:

Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy

- Center for Business Law
- Center for Compliance Studies
- Center for the Human Rights of Children
- Center for Public Interest Law
- Civitas ChildLaw Center
- ${\boldsymbol{\cdot}}$  Curt and Linda Rodin Center for Social Justice
- Dan K. Webb Center for Advocacy
- Dispute Resolution Program
- Education Law and Policy Institute
- Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies
- Institute for International Law and Practice
- Institute for Investor Protection
- Intellectual Property Law Program
- National Security and Civil Rights Program
- Tax and Estates Planning Program

## COCURRICULAR LEARNING

Complementing the substantive learning you'll do in the classroom, Loyola's cocurricular offerings provide opportunities to discover your particular talents and further hone your skills in advocacy and legal writing.

#### **Student competitions**

Loyola has one of the most respected advocacy programs in the nation, and our graduates are among the most effective trial and appellate lawyers in Chicago and in the country. In addition to taking courses in trial advocacy, appellate advocacy, and alternative dispute resolution, students may compete in regional, national, and international student competitions, where Loyola teams consistently take top honors.

# Student journals and research

Loyola students publish their research through student-authored and student-edited law reviews, independent study and directed research projects with professors, and coauthorships with faculty mentors:

- Annals of Health Law and Life Sciences
- Children's Legal Rights Journal
- Loyola Consumer Law Review
- International Law Review
- Loyola University Chicago Journal of Regulatory Compliance
   Loyola Law Journal
- Public Interest Law Reporter



# COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

Our tradition of service is rooted in our Jesuit identity. Our students have the opportunity to use their legal skills to help those in need.

#### LRAP

Loyola's Loan Repayment Assistance Program assists with educational debt of alumni who are engaged in full-time public service employment.

#### Ways Loyola students serve

• Service components—including immersion experiences—in many courses

- Public Interest Law Seminar
- Public Interest Law Society and Public Interest Law Reporter
- Stand Up For Each Other (SUFEO): Students gain hands-on experience advocating for Chicago-area parents and their children involved in school-related suspensions

### WEEKEND JD PROGRAM

Loyola's Weekend JD program allows busy professionals the opportunity to earn an outstanding Loyola JD degree in a more flexible weekend format. Weekend JD students are taught by the same faculty who teach in our full-time JD program, in courses that combine on-campus classes with online course components.

LUC.edu/WeekendJD

# OTHER DEGREE PROGRAMS

#### Master of Laws (LLM) Programs

- Business Law
- Compliance and Enterprise Risk Management
- Child and Family Law
- Health Law
- International
- Rule of Law for Development (PROLAW)
  Tax Law
- Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, and Alternative Dispute Resolution

#### Master of Jurisprudence (MJ) Programs

- Compliance and Enterprise Risk Management
  Children's Law and Policy
- Health Law
- Rule of Law for Development (PROLAW MJ)

LUC.edu/law/degrees

### FROM LAW SCHOOL TO LAWYER

Loyola's Office of Career Services helps law students and alumni assess career goals, explore the many and varied applications of a legal education, and make the transition from school to a professional career. Our graduates work in law firms, business, government and public interest, the judiciary, and academia.

# A full range of career services

- On-campus employer interview program
- One-on-one career counseling
- Online access to job postings
- Resume and interview preparation
- Programs on career choices

For detailed employment data: LUC.edu/law/career

#### Wellness

It's important to take care of yourself. Resources to support students are available through the University Wellness Center, the Lawyers' Assistance Program (LAP), and Campus Ministry.

#### Academic success and bar program

At Loyola, we're committed to your success during law school and beyond. Resources are available for you starting at orientation, until you pass the bar examination after graduation.



# Next steps

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### Visit campus

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### **Contact us**

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