



SCHOOL OF LAW

George Mason University

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George Mason takes his place among the nation's founders with the dedication of his monument on the National Mall on April 9, 2002.

George Mason is an equal opportunity and affirmative action institution committed to the principle that access to study or employment opportunities afforded by the university, including all benefits and privileges, be accorded to each person—student, faculty, staff member, or applicant for employment or admission—on the basis of individual merit without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, veteran status, disability, sexual orientation, sex, or age (except where sex or age is a bona fide occupational qualification). George Mason shall maintain a continuing affirmative action program to promote equal opportunity and to identify and eliminate discriminatory practices in every phase of university operations. Furthermore, affirmative action will be taken to ensure that opportunities afforded by the university are fully available to persons with disabilities, women, Vietnam veterans, and minorities. The university will make every reasonable accommodation to enable students or employees with disabilities to undertake work or study for which they qualify.

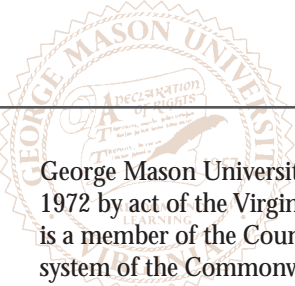
Inquiries regarding the university's equal opportunity and affirmative action programs may be made to the University Equity Office, Mason Hall, Room D105, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA 22030, telephone (703) 993-8730.

George Mason University maintains the confidentiality of student education records pursuant to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act. Once a student is enrolled, a student's name, address, telephone number, major, and e-mail address are subject to publication in the George Mason University Telephone Directory. Students who do not want to be listed in the campus telephone directory must submit a directory hold form to the registrar's office by 5 p.m. on the Friday of the first week of classes of the fall semester. George Mason University does not sell student contact information. However, because it is published in directory format, it is possible that unauthorized persons could access the information, thereby leading to unwanted solicitations.

George Mason University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action university and employer. Consistent with these principles and in compliance with the Student Right-to-Know Act, George Mason University publishes annual reports that disclose information about the athletic program and campus security. The campus security report includes campus crime statistics and is published annually by September 1. A copy may be obtained by calling (703) 993-2816. The athletic reports include athletic participation and graduation rates and are published annually by October 15. A copy of either of these athletic reports may be obtained by calling Intercollegiate Athletics at (703) 993-3204.



A LAW SCHOOL FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



George Mason University, established as a branch of the University of Virginia in 1957, gained independent university status in 1972 by act of the Virginia General Assembly. The university is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States. George Mason University is part of the public university system of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The university is a living memorial to George Mason, the Virginia patriot and statesman who is best known for having drafted the Virginia Declaration of Rights on which the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution is based.

A NEW GENERATION LAW SCHOOL

In 1972, Dean John W. Brabner-Smith founded the International School of Law in Washington, D.C. The school later moved to Arlington, Virginia, where it became George Mason University School of Law in 1979 by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. It is accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

During the past decade, the law school has been in the forefront of curricular innovation. Recognizing the rapid changes that are occurring in legal practice and the legal profession, George Mason has been a pioneer in providing students with three core competencies that are often neglected at more traditional institutions: the legal application of economic tools and methods, intensive development of legal writing skills, and specialized substantive preparation for practice. Our intellectual property law curriculum has gained national recognition. Our unique curriculum and, in particular, our new Technology Law Program offer students unique advantages in today's competitive employment market.

STATE-OF-THE-ART LAW SCHOOL FACILITY

In January 1999, George Mason University School of Law moved to a new 240,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art educational facility. The building includes four floors of classroom, library, and administrative space, as well as two levels of interior parking.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



It is my great pleasure to introduce you to George Mason University School of Law, a dynamic intellectual community and the fastest rising law school in the nation. Our law school—now ranked number 40—is the most recently accredited in the top 50 law schools of the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings.

A DYNAMIC YOUNG SCHOOL

In my six years as dean, I have been amazed that a law school as young as George Mason's has come so far so fast. We have built an accomplished faculty that offers the finest in legal education and practical training. Each year, we continue to strengthen this impressive group with the addition of new faculty members, including leading scholars in the country such as Ronald Rotunda, a well-known expert in constitutional law. In addition to our outstanding senior professors, we now possess the best group of young law professors in the country.

A TRADITION OF INNOVATION

We have continued the tradition of curricular innovation in order to keep pace with the ever-changing demands of the legal marketplace. Over the past 17 years, our **Law and Economics Center** has educated hundreds of federal court judges in economics and other academic subjects. More than one-third of federal district court judges and circuit court judges have passed through one or more of our educational programs. In recent years, the center has doubled its offerings, and its programs now have been extended to state court judges, foreign judges, and federal officials.

In 1999, we established the **Tech Center** (National Center for Technology and Law), a forward-looking research center and think tank that examines the relationship of the existing legal framework to the evolving information-based economy. In collaboration with the Tech Center, our faculty has created a new **Technology Law Program** that combines course work in the fields of technology law, intellectual property law, and business law. This program is an excellent complement to our other specialization track programs, providing students with the opportunity to develop skills necessary to succeed in technology and communications law arenas.

In 2002, the U.S. Congress appropriated \$6.5 million to the School of Law to establish a program to examine the nature of defending our nation's basic infrastructure against cyberterrorism. In 2003, Congress appropriated an additional \$6.5 million to the School of Law to further develop this program. Known as the **Critical Infrastructure Protection Project** (CIP Project), and in collaboration with James Madison University, this effort is being led by the law school's Tech Center. The CIP Project seeks to integrate the disciplines of law, economics, and technology in order to develop new policies that will make our nation's critical facilities and networks more secure against attacks.

A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AND TO EACH OTHER

I am especially proud of our current student body. With a total of more than 5,300 applications for fall 2003 admission to our law school and an acceptance rate of less than 10 percent, we have become one of the most selective law schools in America. Our students are among the best in the country, and they graduate prepared for success in a broad cross-section of careers in law. Whether our graduates choose to work at prestigious law firms or in public interest organizations, our reasonable tuition rates enable them to pursue their chosen careers without the same educational debt constraints that many young lawyers face upon graduation.

Our law school community is also unique in that our students are truly committed to one another. We have a small law school with an atmosphere that feels more like a closely knit family than a competitive professional school. Our students help each other. I truly believe that the spirit of our law school community does not exist at any other educational institution.

We are proud of the outstanding law school we have become thus far and are tremendously excited about our future. Please join us.

Mark F. Grady, Dean
George Mason University School of Law



ON THE DOORSTEP OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL

George Mason University School of Law is located just a few miles from downtown Washington, D.C., the nexus for the creation of the world's most important legislation and jurisprudence. Metropolitan Washington offers students access to hundreds of opportunities and legal resources of tremendous scope and depth:

- Outstanding instruction from faculty and guest lecturers with significant experience in governmental and public policy organizations such as the White House, the Congress, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- Year-round employment opportunities with major executive branch agencies (such as the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of State, and the Federal Communications Commission), congressional commissions and federal agencies, and the hundreds of private law firms located in the Washington, D.C., area.

IN THE HEART OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA



Northern Virginia offers professional advantages and diverse social, cultural, and educational opportunities unequalled in any other metropolitan region.

- Arlington County has vibrant commercial districts that host a number of industry leaders and Fortune 500 companies; the City of Alexandria is home to the new facility for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and venue for the headquarters of many national associations; Fairfax County is a world center of commerce and trade and the technology hub of the United States East Coast, with offices of more than 4,000 technology companies and national law firms located within its borders.
- The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division (known as the "rocket docket"), has the fastest trial docket in the United States and adjudicates some of the most complex civil cases in the nation, particularly patent,

copyright, and employment cases. The level of practice in our federal court and among the many law firms in Northern Virginia that hire George Mason law graduates is difficult to match.

For expanded information, visit www.law.gmu.edu/geninfo/about.html.



One of the School of Law's greatest assets is our outstanding faculty. With some of the brightest minds in the legal academy, our faculty possesses significant professional experience in the practice of law and public policy. George Mason's faculty has enabled the school to become not only a fine place in which to receive a traditional legal education, but also one of the nation's premier centers for the study of economics- and technology-related legal matters.

- In a recent article, "New Educational Quality Ranking of U.S. Law Schools for 2003–2004," Professor Brian Leiter of the University of Texas ranks George Mason's law faculty 26th in overall productivity and impact.
- Because George Mason University School of Law has one of the greatest concentrations of economics- and business-related legal scholars in the world—scholars who are among the most gifted in the United States—a legal education obtained at George Mason has exceptional value in today's competitive employment market.
- The School of Law's full-time faculty is complemented by a remarkable adjunct faculty that includes a number of federal and state court judges and well-established practitioners who deal with cutting-edge legal issues on a daily basis.

To view faculty biographies, visit www.law.gmu.edu/faculty/directory.html.

For a list of recent faculty publications, visit www.law.gmu.edu/faculty/publications.html.



A CHOICE OF PROGRAMS

Students attending George Mason University School of Law may pursue full-time day study or part-time evening study. Unlike many other law school programs, the day and evening programs stand on equal footing, as the courses taught in the day and evening divisions are identical and are taught by the same professors.

DAY DIVISION

In the day division, students take three years to complete the 84 credit hours required for graduation. Day students take 14 to 15 credits each semester. Day classes are scheduled between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

EVENING DIVISION

In the evening division, students take four years to complete the 84 credit hours required for graduation. Evening students average 10 or 11 credit hours each semester. Evening classes are scheduled between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SUMMER TERM

George Mason University School of Law holds a Summer Term each year that typically runs from late May to mid-July. All summer courses are held in the evenings, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

For expanded information, visit www.law.gmu.edu/academics/parttime.html.



The School of Law has designed a curriculum that addresses three of the most pressing requirements of contemporary legal practice: the increasing need for specialization; a thorough grounding in the fundamental skills of legal research, writing, and analysis; and facility with economic and quantitative methods.

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS OF STUDY

The practice of law grows more segmented as the body of law grows in both volume and complexity. Our specialization options ensure that our graduates can demonstrate depth as well as breadth in their legal education and that they are prepared for practice in the 21st century.



Technology Law Program

As the newest of the School of Law's specialties, the Technology Law Program combines course work in the fields of technology law, intellectual property law, and business law. It provides students with skills necessary to succeed in today's rapidly-changing legal environment. Distinguished professors and practitioners offer courses on subjects such as telecommunications policy, cybercrime, intellectual property protection, and venture capital formation. In addition to the 43 credit hours in required General Law Program courses, students pursuing the Technology Law Program will take 15 credit hours of required courses in business and intellectual property law, 8 credit hours of technology law electives, 6 credit hours of business law or intellectual property law electives, and an additional 12 credit hours in electives.

Specialty Tracks

Through our specialty tracks, students may acquire a sophisticated understanding of particular substantive areas of the law usually gained only after years of practice or through advanced legal study. Students pursuing a specialty track will be required to take 24 to 31 credit hours of the 84 total credit hours required for graduation in the area of specialization. Students in track programs are also required to write a thesis.

Students may elect to pursue one of the following specialty tracks at the end of their first year of study:

- **Corporate and Securities Law**
- **Intellectual Property Law**
- **International Business Law**
- **Litigation Law**
- **Regulatory Law**

Specialization Sequences

For students who would like greater freedom in their course selection while also gaining the benefits of some degree of specialization, George Mason offers specialization sequences listed below. To complete a sequence, a student must earn from 14 to 16 credit hours in a particular area.

- **Corporate and Securities Law**
- **Criminal Law**
- **Intellectual Property Law**
- **International Business Law**
- **Legal and Economic Theory**
- **Litigation Law**
- **Personal Law**
- **Regulatory Law**
- **Tax Law**

GENERAL LAW PROGRAM

Although George Mason offers a number of structured specialization options, students are not required to specialize in their legal studies. Many students enter law school without a clearly defined area of interest. Those students may pursue a general course of study, choosing electives as their interests develop.

General Requirements

All George Mason law students, whether pursuing a specialty track or the General Law Program, are required to satisfactorily complete 84 credit hours for graduation. Forty-three of those credit hours are in general courses; 41 credit hours are in elective courses. In addition, students must complete the School of Law's writing requirement.

For expanded information, visit www.law.gmu.edu/academics/lawtrack.html.

For individual course descriptions, visit www.law.gmu.edu/academics/courses.html.





LEGAL RESEARCH, WRITING, AND ANALYSIS

Our three-year legal writing program emphasizes continual practice through the development of actual transactions and cases and effective use of technology. The course is required during each semester of the first two years and is taught in small sections of 15 or fewer students. Students learn the basics of legal writing and analysis, as well as traditional, database (LEXIS and Westlaw), and Internet research methodologies. They then apply these skills in drafting and editing documents for a variety of cases and transactional disputes, in oral arguments before judges and practicing attorneys, and in client counseling and negotiation exercises.

The legal writing program at George Mason also requires at least two additional writing courses beyond the first two years. The additional writing requirement can be satisfied by taking either two seminar courses or one seminar and one other course in which a paper is required. Students in the track programs can substitute their theses for upper-class writing course requirements.

ECONOMIC AND QUANTITATIVE METHODS

In 1996, the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar drafted a proposal identifying the basic areas of knowledge that are important to a sophisticated legal education and to the development of a competent attorney. Two are of particular interest to us:

- A sound grounding in economics, particularly elementary microeconomic theory;
- Some basic mathematical and financial skills, including an ability to analyze financial data.

For the past 12 years, George Mason has integrated these disciplines into our law and economics-oriented curriculum. Our curriculum introduces students to legal methods along with economic and quantitative tools, stressing the application of the nonlegal methods in legal contexts. We reinforce this strategy in other courses at the School of Law that are taught by professors of law who are also experts in some areas of economics and quantitative methods.

For expanded information, visit www.law.gmu.edu/academics/gmplan.html.

THE LAW LIBRARY

George Mason's Law Library combines a collection of growing importance with high-technology support to ensure that our students and faculty have optimal access to all the resources they need for their legal studies. Located on three levels of the new law school facility, the library houses more than 300 study carrels and table seats. Almost all of the study carrels and tables are wired with electrical and data connections so that students can plug in notebook computers to access the Internet, e-mail, LEXIS and Westlaw. The library has two computer labs with a total of 50 computers, and eight group study rooms.

The library's collection consists of almost 414,000 volumes and volume equivalents. The collection is particularly strong in the areas of law and economics, business, economic theory and history, ethics and philosophy, tax, international law, and banking.

As a participant in the Federal Government Documents Depository system, the library regularly receives administrative decisions, executive agency reports, and other government documents.

The Law Library collects most American legal court reports, statutes, encyclopedias, digests, and indexes, and has more than 5,000 serial subscriptions.

The Law Library has 15 full-time staff members, including seven librarians, as well as a number of part-time staff and student assistants. The librarians are trained as both librarians and lawyers and can provide students with a high level of assistance in using both print and online materials. Lab technicians from the university's Division of Instructional and Technology Support Services provide staffing for labs and assist students with the use of computer equipment and software.

For expanded information, visit www.law.gmu.edu/libtech.



UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY AT THE SCHOOL OF LAW

George Mason is proud of the academic centers located at the School of Law. Through these centers, we bring extraordinary talent into our law school and enhance our existing programs. These centers also create a strong network in various areas of law that greatly benefits our students as they explore the multitude of career opportunities available to them.

TECH CENTER (NATIONAL CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY AND LAW)

The Tech Center, established in 1999, seeks to bridge the gap between rapidly changing technologies and the laws that frequently hold them back by serving as a neutral forum in which business and government leaders can debate and develop technology policy proposals. The Tech Center carries out its work in a number of ways, including sponsoring a distinguished speaker series and hosting policy conferences on current issues in information technology and biotechnology policy.

For expanded information, visit techcenter.gmu.edu.

LAW & ECONOMICS CENTER

Founded in 1974, the Law & Economics Center (LEC) is a vital component of George Mason University School of Law. The LEC has developed an international reputation for its outstanding educational institutes, seminars, and conferences for federal and state court judges.

For expanded information, visit www.law.gmu.edu/lawecon.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN LAW AND ECONOMICS

Through a newly established exchange program with the University of Hamburg's Erasmus Programme in Law and Economics, George Mason law students interested in the economic effects of legal rules are invited to study for one, two, or three terms at the University of Hamburg in Germany. Likewise, program students from the University of Hamburg may study law from the perspective of economic analysis at George Mason. This program is for students with a solid background in law and economics interested in the interdisciplinary study of both areas.

For expanded information, visit www.law.gmu.edu/econ/econ-exchange.html.



Graduate Placements

Below is a representative list of law firms, businesses, and government agencies that have employed George Mason law students and graduates in recent years.

Alaska Dept. of Law, Criminal Division Anchorage, Alaska	Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis Alexandria, Virginia	Deloitte & Touche Los Angeles, California
Alston & Bird Charlotte, North Carolina, and Washington, D.C.	Clifford Chance LLP Washington, D.C.	Fairfax Public Defender's Office Fairfax, Virginia
Alzheimer & Gray Chicago, Illinois	CNA Insurance Companies Chicago, Illinois	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Washington, D.C.
Arent Fox Washington, D.C.	Collier, Shannon, Scott, PLLC Washington, D.C.	Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP Palo Alto, California, and Washington, D.C.
Banner & Witcoff, Ltd. Washington, D.C.	Coopers & Lybrand, LLP New York, New York	First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation Frederick, Maryland
Blakely Sokoloff Taylor & Zafman Austin, Texas	Covington & Burling Washington, D.C.	Foley & Lardner Washington, D.C.
Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Chicago, Illinois	Crowell & Moring Washington, D.C.	Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson New York, New York
		GEICO Washington, D.C.
		Hall, Priddy, Myers & Vande Sande Potomac, Maryland

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

George Mason University School of Law is committed to teaching its students to think clearly and critically, to develop sound judgment, and to apply the knowledge they obtain in law school in practical ways that will lead them to success and fulfillment in their legal careers. We are devoted to preparing our students to achieve their personal professional goals and to become contributing and valuable members of our local, national, and international legal communities.

OFFICE OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI SERVICES

Services for Our Students

The Office of Career Development and Alumni Services aids students and alumni in finding permanent full- and part-time employment and summer jobs by serving as a clearinghouse for information on available positions in both the metropolitan Washington area and across the nation. This office provides job counseling to students; conducts seminars on resume writing, interviewing skills, and strategies; and coordinates on-campus interviews and job fairs.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS

Students may gain a great deal of practical experience during law school by participating in one or more of our clinical programs listed below:

Telemedicine Law Clinic

The Center for Telemedicine Law, the sponsor of this clinical program, is a nonprofit organization committed to analysis of legal and regulatory issues facing the evolving world of telemedicine and development of policy resources. Students with an interest in the nexus of law, health care, and technology will find this program particularly challenging. In addition to actual field experience with telemedicine programs, students research and prepare papers on issues related to state licensure requirements, Food and Drug Administration policies about Internet prescribing, privacy and security in e-health transactions, state and federal reimbursement policies, malpractice and liability, as well as risk management in electronic practice. The center is committed to matching the unique interests of students with the myriad emerging issues in this dynamic field.

Legal Clinic

Through enrollment in this three-credit clinical program, students have the opportunity to work in judges' chambers of the Virginia Circuit, General District, or Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts; the Office of the Public Defender; the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney; the Office of Legal Aid; or a private attorney's office.

Law and Mental Illness Clinic

This clinic allows students to gain experience in the judicial, legislative, academic, and advocacy aspects of laws concerning the treatment of persons with severe mental illness. Students represent clients and locate and interview witnesses, appear at commitment hearings, perform direct and cross-examinations, and present legal arguments.

Public Interest Law Clinic

Students enrolled in the Public Interest Law Clinic are exposed to a broad area of public interest law and public policy issues and

Hirschler Fleisher
Richmond, Virginia

Hogan & Hartson
Washington, D.C., and McLean, Virginia

Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP
Washington, D.C.

Hunton & Williams
Richmond and McLean, Virginia

Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue
Washington, D.C.

Kelley, Drye & Warren, LLP
Washington, D.C.

Kenyon & Kenyon
New York, New York

King & Spalding
Atlanta, Georgia

Kirkland & Ellis
Washington, D.C.

Lucent Technologies
Murray Hill, New Jersey

MCI Communications
Washington, D.C.

MTV Networks Latin America
Miami Beach, Florida

McGuireWoods, LLP
Richmond and McLean, Virginia,
and Washington, D.C.

Morgan & Finnegan
New York, New York

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP
Washington, D.C.

Morrison & Foerster
Washington, D.C.; McLean, Virginia; Denver,
Colorado; and San Diego, California

National Association of Home Builders
Washington, D.C.

Nutter, McClennen and Fish
Boston, Massachusetts

Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt
Arlington, Virginia

Odin, Feldman, & Pittleman, PC
Fairfax, Virginia

Oliff & Berridge
Alexandria, Virginia

O'Melveny & Myers
Washington, D.C.

PAICE Corporation
Silver Spring, Maryland

Quarles & Brady
Phoenix, Arizona

Qwest Communications
Arlington, Virginia

Reed Smith, LLP
Washington, D.C.,
and Falls Church, Virginia

Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, PC
Richmond, Virginia

Shaw Pittman, LLP
Washington, D.C., and McLean, Virginia

Sidley Austin Brown & Wood
Washington, D.C.

Steptoe & Johnson, LLP
Washington, D.C.

Sterling Software
Reston, Virginia

Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox, P.L.L.C.
Washington, D.C.

Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Washington, D.C.

U.S. Agency for International Development
Washington, D.C.

U.S. Air Force JAG Corps
Washington, D.C.

U.S. Army JAG Corps
Grafenwoehr, Germany

U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C.

U.S. Department of Treasury
Washington, D.C.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C.

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
Arlington, Virginia

U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C.

Venable, Baetjer, Howard & Civiletti, LLP
Washington, D.C.

Williams & Jensen, P.C.
Washington, D.C.

Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering
Washington, D.C.

have an opportunity to participate in practical legal activities in conjunction with the Washington Legal Foundation.

Board of Immigration Appeals Clinic

George Mason students serve as interns for the Board of Immigration Appeals within the Department of Justice's Executive Office of Immigration Review.

For expanded information on all clinics, visit www.law.gmu.edu/career/clinical_prog.html.

SUPERVISED EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

George Mason's proximity to Washington, D.C., offers a wide range of supervised externship possibilities to our law students. The supervised externship program is designed to allow students who have completed one-third of their legal education to perform work outside of law school, for academic credit, under the supervision of an attorney.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

A judicial clerkship for one or two years following graduation is an excellent way to bridge the gap between law school and the practice of law. It also can be an extremely valuable step in an attorney's professional development and ultimate career success.

For expanded information, visit www.law.gmu.edu/career/clerkship.html.



THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The admissions process at George Mason University School of Law is extremely competitive. The Admissions Committee reviews and considers each application in its entirety.

First-year students are admitted only in the fall semester. **The application deadline for fall 2004 admission is March 15, 2004.** Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis.

Detailed information concerning the application procedures for both new and transfer applicants is available as part of the application booklet and may also be found at www.law.gmu.edu/admission/onlineapp.html. In addition, the law school will accept printed applications that have been prepared using the LSACD or LSACD on the Web. Applicants may print out a completed application and mail it to the law school, or they may transmit the application electronically to LSAC using the LSACD on the Web.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to matriculate, an applicant must have earned a baccalaureate degree from a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting association of the United States. Alternatively, applicants who have completed their undergraduate work at an institution outside of the United States must have their degrees certified as equivalent to those acquired in an accredited institution. Information regarding certifying agencies may be obtained from the Office of Admissions.

Application may be made during the final year of undergraduate study, and acceptance is contingent upon award of a baccalaureate degree before matriculation at the School of Law.

All applicants must take the LSAT. In addition, applicants who have earned or who are in the final year of working toward their baccalaureate degrees at an institution accredited by one of the regional U.S. accrediting agencies must register with the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS).

APPLICANTS FOR THE ROBERT A. LEVY FELLOWSHIP IN LAW AND LIBERTY

Applicants for first-year admission who are also applying for the Levy Fellowship (see page 12 for a description of the fellowship) must, in addition to fulfilling all requirements for first-year applicants, provide a cover letter with the names of three references, a curriculum vitae, graduate school transcripts, and a copy of current research.

TRANSFER ADMISSION

Admission of transfer students is highly selective. Only students who have completed one year at an ABA-accredited law school will be eligible for transfer admission. The deadline for applying for transfer admission is July 1, 2004.

VISITING LAW STUDENTS

The School of Law accepts a number of visiting students each semester and for the Summer Term. Students interested in visiting status at the law school should visit the School of Law web site at www.law.gmu.edu/admission/onlineapp.html.

ADMISSIONS INQUIRIES

Applicants who have questions or who would like to visit the law school for a tour or to sit in on a class should contact the Admissions Office at (703) 993-8010 or via e-mail at arichar5@gmu.edu. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For expanded information, visit www.law.gmu.edu/admission.



ESTIMATED COSTS FOR 2003-04

The following table shows the estimated costs for full-time and part-time students at George Mason for the 2003-04 academic year. These estimates are used in determining financial aid packages for law students. As estimates, these figures may vary slightly from the actual costs.

Category	Estimated Costs for In-State Residents*	Estimated Costs for Out-of-State Residents**
Tuition (full-time)	\$10,262.00	\$20,412.00
Tuition (part-time**)	8,429.50	16,767.00
Estimated additional costs and living expenses (includes books)	15,574.00	15,574.00
Total estimated cost (full-time)	25,836.00	35,986.00
Total estimated cost (part-time)	24,003.50	32,341.00

*In-state residents pay \$366.50 per credit hour and out-of-state residents pay \$729.00 per credit hour. Tuition rates are subject to change at any time.

**Part-time tuition figures are based on the recommended first-year course load of 23 credit hours.

FINANCIAL AID

George Mason University's Office of Student Financial Aid, located at the Fairfax Campus, provides a variety of services to assist students in financing their education. George Mason University participates in the Federal Direct Loan Program.

Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year as soon as possible after January 1. To receive priority consideration for available, applicable funds, the FAFSA must be received by the federal processor on or before March 1. Types of financial aid available include Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, privately sponsored education loans, and Federal Work-Study.

Students who have questions may call the Direct On-Line Aid Resource System (DOLARS) at (703) 993-4GMU, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid on the World Wide Web (apollo.gmu.edu/finaid), or schedule an appointment to meet with a financial aid counselor. The financial aid office also schedules monthly on-site visits at the Arlington Campus.

Mason's Title IV school code is 003749. Students may call the financial aid office at (703) 993-2353, or e-mail finaid@gmu.edu.

The law school continually seeks to develop new sources of nonloan funds to help defray the cost of legal education. A number of fellowships and scholarships are available to incoming law students.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

The Professor Richard S. Murphy Scholarship is awarded each year to an incoming first-year student based on merit. No application is necessary. This scholarship is a lasting memorial to Professor Murphy, who served on the School of Law faculty from 1994 until his death in 1997. Professor Murphy was a brilliant and energetic scholar, a gifted professor, and a beloved friend and colleague.

The Senator Leroy S. Bendheim Scholarship. Named after the Virginia senator who bequeathed the funds for this award, the scholarship is given to one or more outstanding applicants, with preference given to applicants who have excelled in the study of economics or finance.

The Greg Bedner/Perot Systems Government Services Inc. Scholarship. This scholarship, established by Greg Bedner, a 1983 alumnus of the School of Law and President and CEO of Perot Systems Government Services Inc., provides financial assistance to one or more first-year students. Preference is given to students who earned their undergraduate degrees at George Mason University.

The Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox Intellectual Property Law Scholarship. The Washington, D.C., law firm of Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox, P.L.L.C., has established the Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox Intellectual Property Law Scholarship. Through the law firm's generosity, an entering first-year intellectual property law student will receive a \$5,000 award to assist in the first year of study.

Ann Southard Murphy and Cornelius F. Murphy Jr. Tuition Assistance Award. This award was established in 1999 by Betty Southard Murphy, a former George Mason University Trustee, and her husband, Dr. Cornelius Francis Murphy, and is given to a student who is a good citizen of the law school and who is expected to be a good alumnus or alumnae. Mrs. Murphy also has established two book awards, The Betty Southard Murphy Award in Constitutional Law and The Betty Southard Murphy Award in Labor Law.



The Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt P.C. Scholarship. The Oblon, Spivak firm, a national intellectual property law firm located in Alexandria, Virginia, has established this scholarship to assist one or more outstanding intellectual property law students each year.

The Smolen Plevy Scholarship. Founded by 1977 graduates Jason Smolen and Alan Plevy, the law firm Smolen Plevy provides representation and counsel to businesses, families, and individuals. Smolen Plevy has endowed a scholarship that will be used to help defray the out-of-state tuition expense for one or more entering first-year students coming to George Mason from outside Virginia.

Mary Fisher Doyle Public Service Scholarship. In memory of administrative appeals judge Mary Fischer Doyle, the George Mason University School of Law, with the collaboration of alumnus Robert Doyle, J.D., '88, has established this scholarship fund out of which awards will be made to one or more evening students who work for state, local, or federal agencies.

The Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation Scholarship. The Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation (CICF) awards up to five scholarships each year to students in the Juris Master program. The CICF is honored to partner with the School of Law in providing educational enrichment opportunities to outstanding students interested in studying law and public policy.

The Dean Engle Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a current student in high academic standing who also demonstrates dedication to the law school and the practice of law. This scholarship memorializes former George Mason School of Law Professor and Associate Dean Charles Engle, who served with great distinction for three decades. Dean Engle was highly regarded as an outstanding professor of civil procedure and Virginia practice. He also was instrumental in advancing the reputation of the school by imposing and supporting strict academic standards and actively promoting our young law school in the Washington, D.C., area legal community.

The George Mason University School of Law Alumni Association Scholarship is awarded to a current student who exhibits dedication to advancing the George Mason law community through organizational participation and leadership. The Alumni Association recognizes that the key to a strong law school is the support and connection between the alumni and the students.

George Mason Law School Community Scholarship Award. This scholarship, funded by current students, alumni, faculty, and staff of the George Mason law school community, is awarded to an entering first-year student who has demonstrated a commitment to public service.

The Banner & Witcoff Intellectual Property Law Scholarship. Banner & Witcoff, Ltd., an intellectual property law firm with offices in Washington, Boston, Chicago, and Portland, Oregon, has established a scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 to be awarded to an outstanding intellectual property law student.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Robert A. Levy Fellowships in Law & Liberty were created through the generosity of Dr. Robert A. Levy, a 1994 graduate of the law school. Through this generous fellowship program, Dr. Levy seeks to encourage young scholars to enter the academic field of law and economics by sponsoring their pursuit of a J.D. degree. Fellowship grants cover tuition and fees and provide a substantial stipend for up to three years. To be eligible for a Levy Fellowship, an applicant must either (1) have earned a Ph.D. from an accredited university in economics, finance, political science, or a related field; or (2) have successfully completed all course work in one of the above fields and have passed the general exam for a Ph.D. from an accredited university.

Visit www.law.gmu.edu/admission/levy.html.

School of Law Fellowships. A small number of fellowship grants are awarded to outstanding incoming law students each year based upon the strength of their applications for admission.

For expanded information, visit www.law.gmu.edu/admission/money.html or apollo.gmu.edu/finaid.





MASTER'S PROGRAMS IN LAW

JURIS MASTER DEGREE

Created in 1999, the Juris Master degree is a nontraditional program that provides students with a rigorous and pragmatic alternative to traditional public policy degrees. The program gives students the skills they need to deal effectively with the legal and economic dimensions of policy issues through extensive training in fundamentals of American law coupled with advanced work in theoretical and quantitative economic analysis. This specialized training enables students to become effective advocates and analysts of existing and proposed policy initiatives.

This innovative degree is a two-year, part-time evening program requiring completion of 34 to 36 credit hours of course work, including 9 to 11 hours of electives. Juris Master students are admitted to, and attend courses at, George Mason's top-tier School of Law, where they learn to analyze case law, statutes, and regulations from a distinguished faculty, including the winner of the 2002 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, Vernon Smith. They learn how to identify pressing legal issues and to place those issues in the context of American jurisprudence and administrative procedure. Students in the Juris Master program put their intellectual training into operation in a series of writing and research courses specially designed to meet their needs. Further, students take a variety of economics and quantitative courses to enlarge their understanding of the relationship between the market process and the political process. Given the law school's location near our nation's capital, Juris Master students also enjoy the opportunity to meet with and learn from top policy analysts and government officials.

This intensive program provides future policy makers with a depth of training in law and economics that prepares them for leadership roles inside and outside government service. A significant number of Juris Master students work for the government on Capitol Hill or in federal agencies and departments. Other students come from trade associations, lobbying firms, and think tanks.

The program is highly selective. Admission is based on academic records, an acceptable score on the LSAT and/or general GRE, letters of recommendation, and statement of purpose.

For expanded information, visit www.law.gmu.edu/academics/jurismaster.html.





LL.M. DEGREES

George Mason University School of Law offers two new LL.M. degree programs. One is an LL.M. in Intellectual Property; the other is an LL.M. in Law and Economics. Both degree programs require a minimum of 26 credit hours of residential course work, and the course schedules are intended to be flexible. Students applying for these programs should be either U.S. law school graduates or graduates of non-U.S. universities who hold a law degree (LL.B.) or its equivalent in education or practical experience. Students entering the program who do not hold a U.S. law degree also will need to demonstrate English language proficiency through TOEFL testing. Admission to the LL.M. program is highly competitive. Applicants will be evaluated primarily on their law school records, as well as on the basis of any other undergraduate or graduate records, but allowances will be made for those with exceptional nonacademic qualifications.

For expanded information on LL.M. programs, visit www.law.gmu.edu/academics/llm.html.

LL.M. in Intellectual Property: George Mason's Intellectual Property program is one of the strongest and most distinguished in the country. For more than 15 years, George Mason consistently has been at the forefront of intellectual property education. Starting in 2002, the School of Law further strengthened that position by developing an LL.M. in Intellectual Property. This degree is designed for attorneys who intend to practice in the fields of patent, copyright, and trademark law.

The curriculum for this specialized degree consists of 13 courses ranging from basic courses in patent, copyright, and trademark, to enforcement, litigation, and dispute resolution matters surrounding intellectual property issues. Students may choose either to write a master's thesis in intellectual property or take an intellectual property seminar course that requires research and a written paper of shorter length than a thesis. For graduates of non-U.S. law schools, a course in Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis in the U.S. law school tradition will be offered.

The LL.M. program courses are taught by an experienced faculty, including full-time professors and adjunct professors who have practiced in the intellectual property field. The distinguished adjunct faculty boasts a sitting circuit judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; the solicitor of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; a former commissioner of patents and trademarks; a former register of copyrights; a former examiner-in-chief and Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences administrative judge; a former World Intellectual Property Organization director of industrial property law; former chief counsels of the principal subcommittees on intellectual property in the United States Senate and House of Representatives; and prominent practitioners from most of the leading intellectual property law firms in the Washington, D.C., area.

LL.M. in Law and Economics: The LL.M. in Law and Economics offered at the School of Law is a natural outgrowth of the prominence that the law school has achieved in the field of law and economics and is the only advanced specialized degree in law and economics offered anywhere in the United States. George Mason University School of Law is internationally recognized as a leading center of research in law and economics, constitutional political economy, experimental law and economics, and public choice theory. It is the academic home of 3 out of 10 of the scholars who



have been recognized as “founding fathers” of law and economics (*Palgrave*, 1998) and two Nobel Prize economists: James M. Buchanan (1986) and Vernon L. Smith (2002). In 2003, the school was ranked in the top 10 law schools in the nation in terms of law and economics scholarship. This impressive ranking reflects the fact that the School of Law has assembled a distinctive, interdisciplinary faculty, many of whom hold doctorates in economics, philosophy, political science, and related fields. The LL.M. in Law and Economics provides an opportunity to work with this outstanding faculty to develop an expertise in the skills of economic analysis as they are applied to a variety of legal settings.

Students in this program take 26 to 28 credit hours, with a wide choice of electives to satisfy individual intellectual interests. For graduates of non-U.S. law schools, a course in Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis in the U.S. law school tradition will be offered. As with the LL.M. in Intellectual Property, students may choose either to write a thesis or take a seminar course in law and economics that requires a written paper upon completion.

JOINT DEGREES IN LAW AND ECONOMICS

George Mason University School of Law, in conjunction with George Mason University's Department of Economics, is pleased to offer six new joint degree programs. Joint degree applicants must qualify for admission in the respective programs. Applications should be sent to the respective Admissions Offices indicating that a parallel application is filed for another program under the joint degree program.

Degree options:

■ **The Ph.D./J.D. Joint Degree Program in Law and Economics** provides combined training in law and modern economic theory/quantitative methods and stresses a critical evaluation of legal, political, and social institutions in analyzing real world issues. Joint degree students normally will earn a joint Ph.D./J.D. in 12 semesters, including writing of the dissertation. Students will receive joint credit for a total of 18 credit hours.

■ **The Ph.D./LL.M. Joint Degree Program in Law and Economics** is designed to provide advanced training in applied law and economics in conjunction with a systematic doctoral degree in economics. Joint degree students normally will earn a joint Ph.D./LL.M. in 9 semesters, including writing of the dissertation. Students will receive joint credit for a total of 12 credit hours.

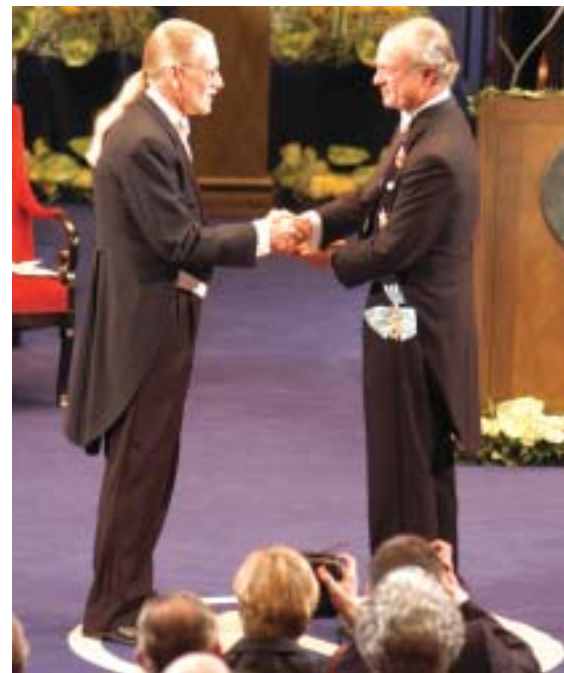
■ **The Ph.D./J.M. Joint Degree Program in Law and Economics** is designed to provide a primary concentration in economics with a solid background in the fundamentals of law. This joint degree program is targeted to economics students who wish to acquire an advanced knowledge of law without taking law courses that are specifically designed for future legal practitioners. Joint degree students normally will earn a joint Ph.D./J.D. in 10 semesters, including writing of the dissertation. Students will obtain joint credit for a total of 12 credit hours.

■ **The J.D./M.A. Joint Degree Program in Law and Economics** provides law students with full legal training and a solid focus on economics, preparing them for careers in legal academia, government, and policy making. Joint degree students normally will earn a joint J.D./M.A. in economics in 10 semesters, obtaining joint credit for a total of 12 credit hours.

■ **The LL.M./M.A. Joint Degree Program in Law and Economics** provides LL.M. students with an opportunity to master the fundamentals of modern economic analysis and quantitative methods. Joint degree students normally will earn a joint LL.M./M.A. in economics in 6 semesters, obtaining joint credit for a total of 10 credit hours.

■ **The J.M./M.A. Joint Degree Program in Law and Economics** is designed for students who wish to acquire an advanced knowledge of law and economics without undertaking a full-fledged law degree or doctoral degree in economics. Joint degree students normally will earn a joint J.M./M.A. in economics in 8 semesters, obtaining joint credit for a total of 10 credit hours.

For expanded information, visit www.law.gmu.edu/econ/jointdegrees.html.



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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

George Mason offers students many ways to enhance their legal educations by becoming active in one or more of our student organizations. These organizations, listed below, not only add to the vitality of the law school, but also create valuable networking opportunities for students with special interests.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Society
American Bar Association/Law School Division
American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
American Inn of Court
Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
Association for Public Interest Law (APIL)
Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA)
Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
Business Law Society
Christian Legal Society
Civil Rights Law Journal
Criminal Law Association
Delta Theta Phi
The Docket
Environmental Law Society
Federal Circuit Bar Journal
Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy
Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Law Students Association
George Mason Law Review
Honor Council
Intellectual Property Law Society (IPLS)
International Law Society
J. Reuben Clark Law Society
Jewish Law Students Association
Law and Economics Society
Law Students for the Second Amendment
Literary Magazine: Creative Journal
Moot Court Board
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International
Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity
Sports Law Society (SLS)
Student Bar Association
Thomas More Society
Trial Advocacy Association
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program
Women's Law Association

For expanded information, visit www.law.gmu.edu/students.





DIVERSITY

Our student body is rich in its diversity. Students come to George Mason from all over the United States with various backgrounds, professional and personal experiences, and undergraduate experiences. The list below is illustrative of the undergraduate institutions from which George Mason has drawn its students in recent years.

American University	Marquette University	University of Hawaii
Arizona State University	Mary Washington College	University of Illinois
Auburn University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Kansas
Barnard College	McGill University	University of Kentucky
Bates College	Michigan State University	University of Maine
Baylor University	Mississippi State University	University of Maryland
Boston College	Muhlenburg College	University of Massachusetts
Boston University	New York University	University of Memphis
Bowdoin College	Northeastern University	University of Miami
Brandeis University	Occidental College	University of Michigan
Brigham Young University	Ohio State University	University of Montana
Brown University	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Nebraska
Bryn Mawr College	Old Dominion University	University of Nevada
Bucknell University	Oregon State University	University of New Hampshire
Campbell University	Patrick Henry College	University of New Mexico
Carnegie Mellon University	Pennsylvania State University	University of North Carolina
Case Western Reserve University	Princeton University	University of North Dakota
Catholic University of America	Providence College	University of Notre Dame
Central Methodist College	Purdue University	University of Oklahoma
Christopher Newport University	Randolph-Macon College	University of Pennsylvania
Clemson University	Rice University	University of Pittsburgh
Colgate University	Roanoke College	University of Richmond
College of the Holy Cross	Rutgers University	University of Rhode Island
College of William and Mary	San Diego State University	University of Rochester
Colorado College	Seton Hall University	University of San Francisco
Columbia University	Skidmore College	University of Scranton
Cornell University	Smith College	University of South Carolina
Dartmouth College	St. Lawrence University	University of Tennessee
Davidson College	St. Louis University	University of Texas
Drexel University	Stanford University	University of the South
Duke University	State University of New York	University of Utah
Emory University	Syracuse University	University of Vermont
Florida International University	Temple University	University of Virginia
Furman University	Texas A&M University	University of Washington
George Mason University	Towson State University	University of Western Ontario
George Washington University	Trinity University	University of Wisconsin
Georgetown University	Truman State University	University of Wyoming
Georgia Institute of Technology	Tulane University	Utah State University
Gettysburg College	Union College New York	Valparaiso University
Grinnell College	U.S. Air Force Academy	Vanderbilt University
Grove City College	U.S. Coast Guard Academy	Vassar College
Hamilton College	U.S. Military Academy	Villanova University
Hampden-Sydney College	U.S. Naval Academy	Virginia Commonwealth University
Hampton University	University of Alabama	Virginia Military Institute
Harvard University	University of Arizona	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Haverford College	University of California, Berkeley	and State University
Hobart and William Smith College	University of California, Davis	Virginia State University
Hollins University	University of California, Los Angeles	Wake Forest University
Jacksonville State University	University of California, Santa Barbara	Washington & Jefferson College
James Madison University	University of Chicago	Washington and Lee University
Johns Hopkins University	University of Cincinnati	Washington University
Lehigh University	University of Colorado	Wellesley College
Lewis-Clark State College	University of Delaware	West Virginia University
Liberty University	University of Denver	Williams College
Louisiana State University	University of Florida	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Loyola University	University of Georgia	Yale University



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