

# OUR SCHOOL SENDEFINED BY THREE WORDS:

# LEARN. CHALLENGE. LEAD.



Our school rests on four fundamental pillars that will support learn, challenge, and lead:

- Scalia Law School provides an exceptional location for student opportunities.
- Scalia Law School offers an exceptional community for its students, alumni, faculty, and staff.
- 3. Scalia Law School delivers **exceptional career** support
- Scalia Law School is home to an exceptional market-oriented faculty, which places us at the center of foundational debates on liberty, private property rights, constitutionally limited government, and the economic analysis of law.

Our goal is to deliver superior service to help students achieve their goals.

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**HENRY N. BUTLER**Dean and Professor of Law

George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School





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GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY ANTONIN SCALIA LAW SCHOOL IS LOCATED JUST MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON, D.C., THE NEXUS FOR THE CREATION OF THE WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT LEGISLATION AND JURISPRUDENCE.



During the past decade, Scalia Law School has been at the forefront of curricular innovation. Seizing on both rapid changes in the legal profession and the invaluable asset our location provides, Scalia Law School has pioneered a unique curriculum that complements traditional classroom instruction with practical training opportunities in metropolitan Washington, D.C.

#### **LAW AND ECONOMICS**

Scalia Law School is home to an interdisciplinary faculty, many with JDs and doctorates in economics, philosophy, or other related fields. The Law and Economics Center, an intersection for academic research and education that focuses on the timely and relevant economic analysis of legal and public policy issues confronting policymakers worldwide. Given these assets, the law school's curriculum integrates economic and quantitative tools, stressing the application of non-legal methods in legal contexts. Graduates leave law school with a unique skill set that is valuable in legal practice.

#### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Washington, D.C., metropolitan area is an established center for the practice of intellectual property (IP) law, with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (government headquarters for patents, trademarks, and copyrights), and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (which has sole appellate jurisdiction over patent cases) located minutes away from the law school. Moreover, Scalia Law School houses the Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property, which brings together scholars, industry leaders, inventors, creators, and policymakers to examine foundational questions and current controversies concerning intellectual property rights.

#### NATIONAL SECURITY LAW AND POLICY

Scalia Law School has a strong commitment to identifying legal and policy solutions that both safeguard constitutional liberties and promote a robust national defense. To meet today's demand for national security, the law school welcomed the National Security Institute (NSI) as a complement to its National Security Law and Policy concentration. The NSI incorporates a realistic assessment of the threats facing the United States and its allies, as well as an appreciation of the legal and practical challenges facing U.S. intelligence, defense, law enforcement, homeland security, and cybersecurity communities.





- Convenient public and mass transportation
- · Hours from Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York City
- Miles of dedicated running and biking paths
- Over 50 free museums
- Sports: Nationals, Redskins, Wizards, DC United, Mystics & Capitals
- Washington, D.C. National Mall and Monuments
- World-class food scene



**3** Arlington County Courthouse

#### **OTHER VIRGINIA OPPORTUNITIES**

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office / Virginia Practice Supervised Externships

I chose Mason for its location, its price, and its exceptional preparation for the legal field. Its close proximity to Washington, D.C., has provided me with year-round opportunities to intern with the federal government, experience D.C.'s private sector, and meet some of D.C.'s most accomplished attorneys, at an unparalleled price.



# STUDY UNDER SOME HEBEST SCHOLARS HEFIELD

FACULTY
BY THE NUMBERS



**11.4:1** 

Student/Faculty Ratio



4 Emeritus



12 Distinguished Adjuncts



45 Full-Time

Mason has what I think is the best faculty in the country.
What is more, given Mason's small size and great teacher to student ratio, each faculty member is at every student's disposal, and their doors are always open.

#### - TIM GEVERD

Complex Civil Litigation, Morgan Lewis Class of '14



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Scalia Law School faculty are #2 among total downloads per author among law schools

- According to Social Science Research Network in 2018

#20

U.S.News

Best Intellectual Property Law School

- By U.S. News & World Report

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Ranked 19th in Scholarly Impact

- According to Social Science Research Network in 2018



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#### U.S. SUPREME COURT BOBBLEHEADS

Scalia Law School is #1 in Supreme Court bobbleheads because Scalia Law School Professor Ross Davies founded the infamous Green Bag Inc., the only U.S. law journal with permission to produce bobbleheads of the Supreme Court justices.



#### **CONCENTRATIONS**

IF YOU WISH TO DEVELOP EXPERTISE IN A PARTICULAR SUBSTANTIVE AREA OR RANGE OF AREAS, WE OFFER SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS:

Antitrust Law Communications Law Corporate and Securities Law Criminal Law Financial Services Regulation Law **Immigration Law** Intellectual Property Law International Business Law Legal and Economic Theory Litigation Law National Security Law & Policy Patent Law Personal Law Public Interest Litigation & Advocacy Regulatory Law Sports Law Tax Law

## FOUR MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAMS

Global Antitrust Law & Economics LLM

Intellectual Property LLM

Technology Law

- Patent Focus
- Technology Focus

Law & Economics LLM

U.S. Law LLM

# CHALLENGE.

# CRITICALLY EVALUATE CURRENT DOCTRINE IN PURSUIT OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

Gain exposure to economic concepts such as statistics, finance, and accounting, which play a crucial role in determining the outcome of legal disputes. Earn a law degree that builds on your values and allows you to impact the future.

- WE OFFER A PLATFORM FOR FREE SPEECH AND RIGOROUS DEBATE.
- WE ENCOURAGE INNOVATIVE THINKING IN LAW AND POLICY.
- WE VALUE THE SPIRIT AND LIBERTY OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

# 2 JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

## LAW & BUSINESS (JD/MBA)

The JD/MBA at Scalia Law School is unique. Full-time students can complete it in three years.

## LAW & PUBLIC POLICY (JD/MPP)

The JD/MPP provides students with an opportunity to master the fundamentals of legal and policy analysis. It provides students with full legal training and a solid understanding of public policy, preparing them for careers in legal academia, government, and policymaking.



SCALIA LAW SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Best school for public interest/ government careers (National Jurist Magazine)



Student Organizations



Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis courses required



ELIF AKSOY CREDITS MASON'S RIGOROUS FOUR-SEMESTER WRITING REQUIREMENT AS A DIFFERENCE MAKER IN HER LEGAL EXPERIENCES.

During my internships, I realized the value of Mason's writing program. The brief I helped write for Mason's Supreme Court Clinic was even cited in an opinion.

#### - ELIF AKSOY

Antitrust Associate, Jones Day, Class of '16





**62**%

OF GRADUATES
SINCE 2015 WERE
JOURNAL MEMBERS

George Mason Law Review
Civil Rights Law Journal
The Journal of Law, Economics & Policy
The Journal of International Commercial Law
National Security Law Journal

FCC DETAILEE TO THE
COMMUNICATIONS AND
TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE
AT HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY AND COMMERCE,
KRISTINE FARGOTSTEIN,
CLASS OF '12, TAKES
THE LEGAL SKILLS AND
KNOWLEDGE SHE GAINED
FROM LAW SCHOOL AND
APPLIES THEM TO SHAPING
SOUND COMMUNICATIONS
LAW POLICIES ON THE
FEDERAL LEVEL.

Mason Law supported and encouraged me in creating a dedicated communications law concentration as part of the curriculum. The theoretical background I gained, combined with practical experiences, made me well prepared to work on some of the most important communications policy issues of our time.

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- KRISTINE FARGOTSTEIN Class of '12







# BE PREPARED TO LEAD WIN CAREER IN LAW



## A VARIETY OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES

The law school's location, near the Arlington County Court, gives Scalia Law School students unparalleled opportunities to gain substantial practical experience while in law school. Students will benefit from the close, established relationships the school has developed on Capitol Hill, in federal and state courts, the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Justice, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, and The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.



My aspirations were always to work in a field where regulatory law, policy, and government affairs intersected. George Mason's proximity to the nation's capital allowed me to explore precisely that, which is what I've always dreamed of doing.



Mason is special because it so effectively incorporates economic analysis into the study of law. Plenty of law schools will teach you what the law is, but Mason goes further by teaching its students how to use economic tools to analyze what the law should be.

#### - CYNTHIA ALEJANDRE

Senior Government Affairs Advisor, NV Energy Class of '14

#### - JASON DERR

Attorney, Office of the Inspector General Class of '13

#### SCALIA LAW SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



91% OF 2017 GRADUATES
EMPLOYED FULL-TIME OR
PURSUING AN ADVANCED DEGREE

#### **CAREER PATHS OF GRADUATES**

**OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS** 

43%



PRIVATE PRACTICE

20% ▶ 1



GOVERNMENT

19%



BUSINESS

10%



JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

<mark>8</mark>% ▶



OTHER Includes Public Interest and Academia

# CAREER AND ACADEMIC SERVICES PROGRAMMING

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS & MENTORS

APPLICATION REVIEW

**BAR EXAM SUPPORT** 

**COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING** 

COURSE PLANNING

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION TRAINING

**EVENT ASSISTANCE** 

**FACULTY MENTORS** 

INTERVIEW TRAINING

LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

**MEDIA TRAINING** 

NETWORKING EVENTS

ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING

PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS

RECRUITING PROGRAMS

STUDENT MENTORS

SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES

#### CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW CLINIC

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT ADVOCACY CLINIC

FREE SPEECH CLINIC

LAW & MENTAL ILLNESS CLINIC

MVETS—MASON VETERANS & SERVICEMEMBERS LEGAL CLINIC

PRACTICAL PREPARATION OF PATENT APPLICATIONS

SUPREME COURT CLINIC



## A CHOICE OF PROGRAMS: FULL-TIME & PART-TIME

to be awarded in scholarships

STUDENTS ATTENDING SCALIA LAW SCHOOL MAY PURSUE FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STUDY, OUR PART-TIME PROGRAM IS EQUAL TO OUR FULL-TIME PROGRAM IN RIGOR, CHALLENGE, AND FACULTY ATTENTION.





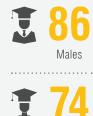
I've immensely benefited from being able to learn from great legal minds who bring so much experience and thoughtfulness to their exposition of law. Because the Scalia Law faculty bring so much objective analysis of contemporary legal issues into every class, I think that I have been given a robust and well-rounded legal education that doesn't simply focus on one ideological perspective to the exclusion of all others.

#### - MACKENZI SIEBERT

Associate, Sidley Austin LLM Class of '17

#### 2018 ENTERING CLASS











First-year law students take a preset curriculum, taught by the full-time faculty. After the first year, each student can choose from a wealth of course options. Every student has access to the same career service, clinic, and student organization opportunities, as well as the ability to switch between the full and part-time programs to accommodate employment opportunities.

#### FULL-TIME **DIVISION**

Full-time students traditionally take 14 to 15 credits each semester, typically completing the 89 credit hours required for graduation in three years. Daytime classes are held between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, although, after the first year, many full-time students elect to take courses offered in the evening (6:00 p.m. and later) as well.

#### PART-TIME **DIVISION**

Part-time students will average 10 or 11 credit hours each semester, typically completing the 89 credit hours required for graduation in four years. Evening classes are regularly scheduled between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, but after the first year, part-time students are eligible to take daytime classes. Part-time students will attend class five nights a week for at least the first year of law school.

**U.S.News** 

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Part-Time Program by U.S. News & World Report



# VISIT OUR CAMPUS

- Take a tour and observe a class.
- Meet with an admissions counselor
- Participate in special events for admitted students throughout the spring and summer.

We invite prospective students to visit our campus, tour our law school, and sit in on a class. We offer formal tours and information sessions each semester.

If prospective students are unable to make a scheduled tour time, they are welcome to visit the school at any time.

#### **TOURS & INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Prospective students should register for a tour and classroom visit at least 48 hours in advance.

Classroom visits are limited to three prospective students at a time. The event schedules and registration information is available under the Visit Campus page on the website.

#### THE ADMISSIONS

## **PROCESS**

THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AT SCALIA LAW SCHOOL IS VERY COMPETITIVE AND HIGHLY SELECTIVE DUE TO THE VOLUME OF APPLICATIONS AND THE LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS IN THE ENTERING CLASS.

WHILE THE LSAT AND GPA ARE PRIMARY FACTORS IN DECISIONS, APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED IN THEIR ENTIRETY TO ENROLL THE MOST DIVERSE AND ACADEMICALLY PREPARED CLASS POSSIBLE.

I was drawn to a legal curriculum that incorporated economic tools and methods, especially considering the increasing prominence of economic concepts within the legal field. By incorporating economics into our curriculum, Scalia Law students learn more than just the black-letter law. They understand the effects of the laws and are therefore able to make predictions about the application of those laws.

#### - TAYLOR HOVERMAN

Associate Counsel at American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers Class of '16



#### THE JD APPLICATION DEADLINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

January 15 - Scalia Law Scholars and Early Decision Programs

March 1 - Priority Application

April 30 - Regular Application

- Apply through LSAC.org
- Application fee: waived at checkout
- LSAT score within 5 years from application date
- CAS Report including transcripts and 2 letters of recommendation
- Resumé
- "Why Mason" statement
- Personal statement
- Character & Fitness questions and descriptions (if applicable)
- Application for in-state residency (if applicable)



# LLM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

#### THE LLM APPLICATION DEADLINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

June 1 - Fall Admission

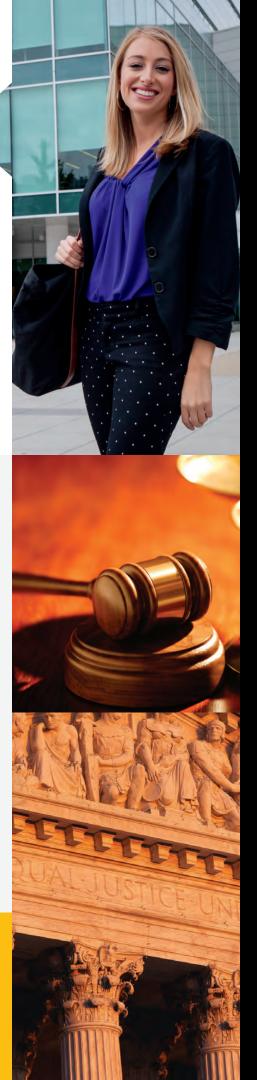
December 1 - Spring Admission

- Apply through LSAC.org
- Application fee: \$75
- Official transcripts
- 500-word statement of interest
- Resumé
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Interview
- Character & Fitness questions and descriptions (if applicable)



#### **VISITING & TRANSFER STUDENTS**

Students attending other law schools may apply for visiting status for one semester through LSAC.org. Students who have completed one year at an ABA-accredited law school may apply to transfer through LSAC.org.



# FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LAW **TO THE ANTONIN SCALIA LAW SCHOOL**

#### 1972

The International School of Law opens in Washington, D.C. with 7 administrators and 12 faculty members on the basis of encouraging more intimacy between students and faculty through small classes— a guiding principle that holds true today.

#### 1977

The law school moves to Arlington, Virginia to expand services, including a law library, study spaces, faculty and administrative offices, and parking, for its growing student body.

#### 1979

George Mason University absorbs the law school, satisfying the demand for increased educational opportunities for the growing population of Northern Virginia.

#### 1986

Desiring to be more than "just another good law school" and with the help of George Mason's first Nobel Laureate in Economics, James M. Buchanan, the University attracts well-known innovator and entrepreneur Henry G. Manne to the deanship of the law school.

#### 1986-87

Under Manne's leadership, the law school undergoes a dramatic change of academic philosophy, adopting an interdisciplinary approach to the study of law that incorporates economics as an essential tool for legal and policy analysis.

#### 1988-89

The law school's reputation for nurturing a competitive marketplace for ideas grows, and *US News & World Report* identifies it as an "up and coming new law school."

#### 1999

The law school relocates to a brand new 150,000 square-foot facility, Hazel Hall.

#### 2002

*US News & World Report* ranks the law school in the Top-50 Best Law schools for the first time, and the school remains in the top tier to this day.

#### 2010

Professor Henry N. Butler, a leader in law and economics research and education to policymakers, returns to the law school to run the Law and Economics Center started by Dean Manne.

#### 2015

The law school welcomes its next Dean, Henry N. Butler, who brings with him a commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience to students.

#### 2016

The University announces the renaming of the law school in honor of the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, whose reputation for rigorous, intellectually honest, and consistent legal debate accurately reflects the school's historic brand and whose career embodies the school's motto of "Learn. Challenge. Lead."



George Mason University Antonin Scalia
Law School is defined by three words:
Learn. Challenge. Lead. Students receive an
outstanding legal education (Learn); are taught
to critically evaluate prevailing orthodoxy and
pursue new ideas (Challenge); and ultimately,
are well prepared to distinguish themselves in
their chosen fields (Lead).



- DEAN HENRY N. BUTLER