



SCHOOL OF LAW

# Welcome

to EMORY LAW | 2024



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## Events for Admitted Students

This spring, experience what your first year at Emory Law will be like. We will host in-person and virtual tours and information sessions with current students and, in March, we welcome you to join us on campus for our annual Visiting Day! We can't wait to connect with you.

- » Take a class, interact with faculty, and explore our signature programs.
- » Meet current students and alumni.
- » Learn more about campus, nearby housing, and life in Atlanta.

Find out more at [law.emory.edu/explore](https://law.emory.edu/explore)

# Explore

## EMORY LAW



*Welcome to Emory Law, a community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni who care deeply about your success. Here, you'll find a commitment to teaching and legal scholarship, a student-centered approach, and innovative experiential learning that will prepare you for practice and empower you to make a lasting impact on the profession. Join us — and become a part of all that makes Emory Law so influential throughout the world.*

» View a [welcome message](#) from Dean Mary Anne Bobinski.



“My favorite thing about Emory Law is the people. Here you’ll find faculty, students, staff, alumni, and members of the broader Atlanta community that are committed to your success both in law school and beyond. This community works together to provide a world-class legal education and one-of-a-kind experiences to help launch your career. And we have a lot of fun while doing it!”

JOANNA SHEPHERD, PH.D.  
THOMAS SIMMONS  
PROFESSOR OF LAW

## Congratulations!

You’ve been admitted to one of the top law schools in the country.

Emory Law has it all: **faculty who are experts** in their respective areas and **dynamic teachers in the classroom**, countless opportunities for **hands-on and experiential learning**, and an environment of **support and cooperation** that encourages challenging the status quo. You are about to learn why more than 13,800 alumni are proud to call themselves Emory lawyers.

Here are just a few highlights of the many exciting opportunities that will define your Emory legal education.



## Leading Scholars and Outstanding Teachers

Our professors have unique backgrounds and interests — from **pioneering feminism and legal theory**, to exploring the intersection of **law and religion**, to **fighting for justice** for military combatants and veterans. They come to the classroom with extensive practical experience, having clerked for federal judges and practiced law for the public sector, businesses, and private firms. Plus, our excellent student-faculty ratio of **8 to 1** fosters a culture of openness and collaboration that allows you to receive individual guidance from these brilliant legal minds.





## Exceptional Educational Opportunities

At Emory Law, we equip future lawyers like you with both a **practical and theoretical** understanding of the law. We will expose you to diverse opportunities to help you determine where your passion lies — whether it is in fighting to protect a patent or a human life.

Your work will also occur outside the traditional classroom setting. You will attend **workshops and seminars**. You will work in externships, clinics, nonprofit organizations, Fortune 500 companies, and prestigious law firms. Whatever your desire, from practicing in the public interest, to litigation, to transactional law, you will leave Emory with a **deep knowledge** of the law and a set of **valuable skills** that will help you achieve a fulfilling legal career.



“We can only accomplish our goals by forming a coalition of people who represent the rich diversity that exists in our law school community. With support from the Class of 2027, we will make real and lasting change in our fight to end systemic racism and promote justice.”

**DERRICK HOWARD**  
PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE  
AND DIRECTOR OF  
EXTERNSHIPS



## Emory Law’s Leadership in Diversity

In 1962, Emory Law led the Southeast in **integrating legal education** with the historic case *Emory v. Nash*. Today, Emory Law continues to embrace a commitment to diversity and inclusion among students, faculty, and staff.

Emory Law’s Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion was formed in 2020 to lead the development and implementation of new initiatives — over and above current law school and university processes and procedures — that are designed to **address racism** and to **promote diversity**. The group is comprised of current students, staff, and faculty.





## The Emory Law Community

When asked what they love about Emory Law, our students repeatedly answer, “The close, family-like community.” Our faculty, staff, and alumni care about your success, and the Emory alumni network will support you for life. Plus, given that the school is ranked among the most diverse in the nation, you and your fellow students will bring a wonderful collection of perspectives to the classroom, which Emory Law embraces and encourages.



“I cannot say enough wonderful things about the friends that I have made through Emory Law. The professors, orientation leaders, and upper-year law students could not have been more inviting and reassuring.”

STEPHANIE TUNNELL 24L



“Emory Law was one of the only schools to focus not on what they could do for me but what we, as a team, could do for others. Service was the focus of everything from the admissions questions to the admitted student days. I aspire to live my life in a way that serves others, so being at a law school that values that is important to me.”

ABIGAIL SEPICH 24L



## Our Student Community

Emory Law is a dynamic community where students are involved on campus and throughout Atlanta with volunteering, networking, and active social lives.

### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Getting involved in the Emory Law community is easy through more than [60 student organizations](#). These groups, along with our unique [practice societies](#), will provide you with a chance to make an impact on the school, the community, and even the legal profession.

### VOLUNTEERING

Giving back is central to our students’ experience. It begins with orientation service projects — such as volunteering at the Chattahoochee Nature Center, the United Way, the Atlanta Community Food Bank, or Oakhurst Community Gardens — and continues as students take the initiative to lead their own projects in the community. In recent years, students have cooked dinner for residents of the Ronald McDonald House,

organized clothing drives, and mentored high school students interested in law.

### JOURNALS

Emory Law publishes several [print and online journals](#) featuring the legal scholarship of professors, practitioners, heads of state from all over the country and the world, and our students. Students are selected to participate in journals through a writing competition after their first year.

- *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal*
- *Emory Corporate Governance and Accountability Review* (online only)
- *Emory International Law Review*
- *Emory Law Journal*
- *Journal of Law and Religion* (peer-reviewed, faculty-edited by the Center for the Study of Law and Religion)

## The Houses Program

This program places students into learning communities, providing them with social opportunities to get to know faculty, staff, and other students. The houses are each named for an Atlanta neighborhood.



## Student Body Profile

Emory students come from a wide variety of backgrounds and geographic locations.

**796**  
Enrolled students

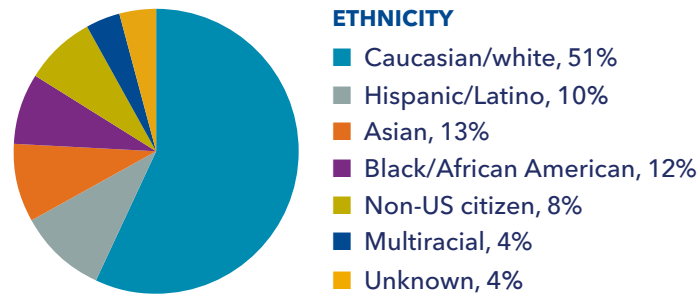
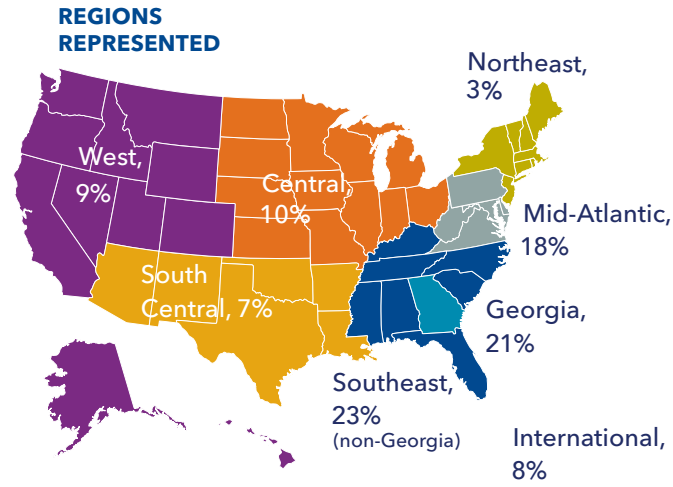
**58%**  
Female students

**60**  
Full-time faculty

**130**  
Adjunct faculty

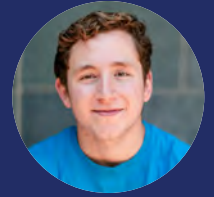
**8:1**  
Student to faculty ratio

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### TOP UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS, CLASS OF 2026

- 16 University of Georgia
- 10 Emory University
- 9 Georgia State University
- 8 Florida State University
- 7 University of Florida
- 6 Tulane University
- 5 Georgia Institute of Technology



"I chose Emory Law due to its renowned professors, location in the cultural hub of the South, and strong reputation. Emory's commitment to the professional growth of their students and their prominent alumni network set students up for success from day one."

JUSTIN FISCHER 24L

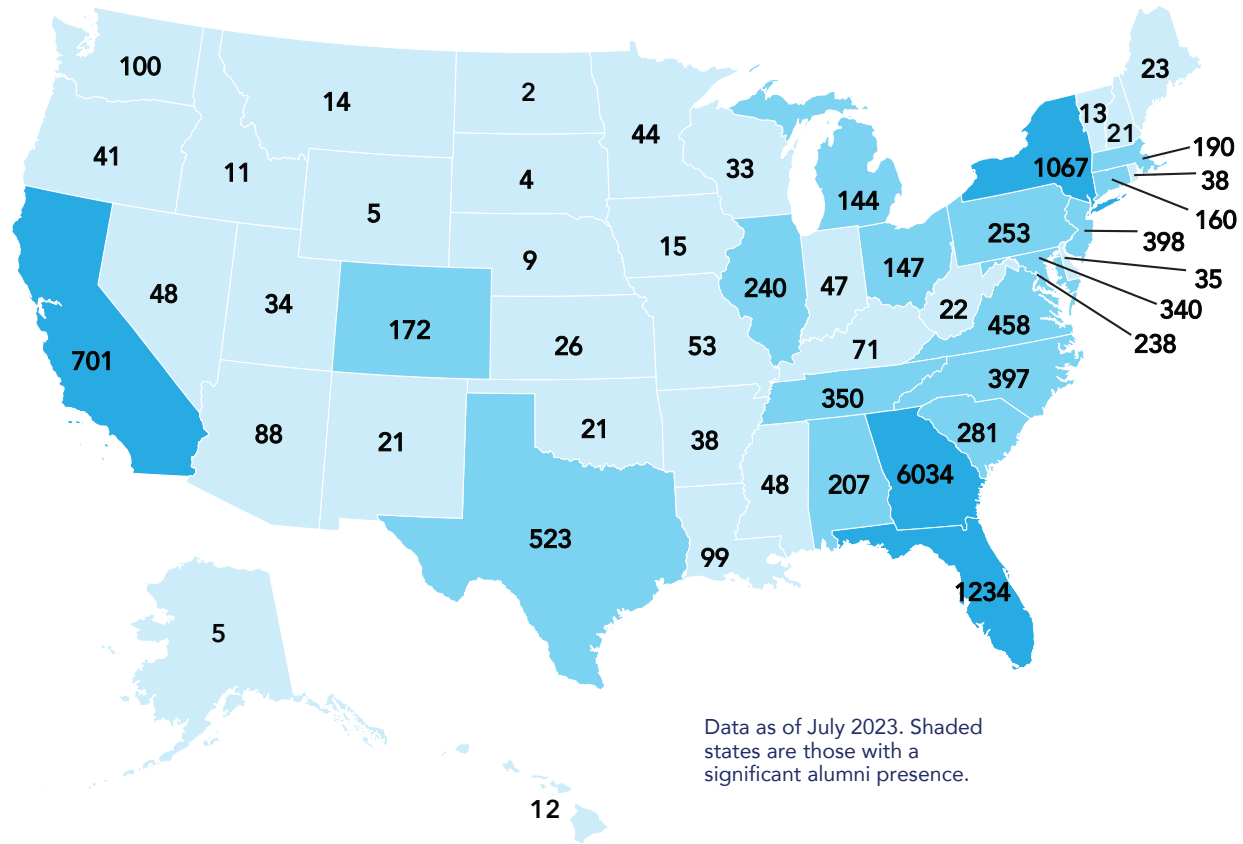


“Being an Emory Lawyer is not just a brand; it’s caring about each other, being excellent, and making the world a better place.”

**ALOPE CHAKRAVARTY 97L**  
 PARTNER, SNELL & WILMER;  
 FORMER ASSISTANT  
 US ATTORNEY IN THE  
 ANTI-TERRORISM AND  
 NATIONAL SECURITY UNIT,  
 DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
 AND LEAD PROSECUTOR IN  
 THE BOSTON MARATHON  
 BOMBING CASE

## An Emory Lawyer for Life

More than 13,800 alumni across the US and in countries around the world become your network when you join us. In addition to the Emory Law graduates practicing in Atlanta and throughout Georgia, Emory’s [strong alumni network](#) connects graduates to other legal markets in major metropolitan areas around the country and the world.



“I chose Emory Law for four primary reasons: the rigor of the academics, its collaborative environment, its location in Atlanta, and its extensive national alumni network. The alumni network is a testament to how well Emory Law is nationally respected.”

**RACHEL HORVIT 24L**

## Learning the Law

Emory's renowned scholars and programs of study are broadly recognized for their excellence and impact on legal education. Our academic strengths have led to recognition in a range of specialty areas — business and corporate law, contracts and commercial law, health care law, and constitutional law. From public health law, to advocacy, to technology and intellectual property, Emory offers a range of unique learning experiences.

This translates to opportunities for our students. In fact, students can now earn their juris doctor degrees with a [health law concentration](#). Emory Law's nationally recognized [health law program](#) benefits from our proximity to Emory's Woodruff Health Sciences Center, Emory Healthcare, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These and other connections provide a forum for

students and scholars to address global health law and policy issues; educational and training programs; and hands-on student practicum experiences. In addition to health law, students can choose from [our other concentrations](#), including civil litigation and dispute resolution; criminal litigation; and law and religion.

Our recently announced [Center for Civil Rights and Social Justice](#) enhances Emory Law's already [rich focus on issues of civil rights, human rights, and social justice](#). Led by inaugural John Lewis Chair for Civil Rights and Social Justice [Darren Hutchinson](#), the new center will serve as a hub for interdisciplinary scholarship, research, teaching evidence-based policy reform, and community outreach.

➤ View more about Emory's many [areas of impact](#).



### 1L Fall Classes

- » Civil Procedure
- » Legislation and Regulation
- » Contracts
- » Torts
- » Introduction to Legal Advocacy, Research, and Communications

### 1L Spring Classes

- » Criminal Law
- » Property
- » Constitutional Law
- » Introduction to Legal Advocacy
- » First-Year Elective

## YEAR ONE

### Immerse Yourself in the Language of the Law

Emory Law empowers you to discern your legal path right from the start of your legal education.

In your first semester, Legislation and Regulation introduces you to the central role of legislatures

and administrative agencies in the practice of law today. The course serves as a primary building block for Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Legislation, and a number of specialized, upper-level courses.

In the spring, you will have the opportunity to take a first-year elective so you can explore an area of possible legal interest or get a head start on an area that already fascinates you. Elective courses vary each year and provide

a strong foundation for more specialized legal study. Some of the electives previously offered include International Law, Law and Religion, Law and Economics, Evidence, and Administrative Law.



## YEAR ONE **Becoming an Emory Lawyer**

### THE CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CAREER STRATEGY

Beginning in your 1L year, the [Center for Professional Development and Career Strategy \(Career Center\)](#) will provide guidance, structure, and unique resources to help you plan your personalized career path. From job search “jump-start” sessions to attorney panels and speed networking, the Career Center provides a full range of resources, workshops, alumni events, speakers, job-search resources, and other programming — all of which is available to 1Ls to help you develop valuable skills as you explore career options.

#### Career Strategy and Design Course for 1L Students

The Career Strategy and Design (CS&D) course is a series of six required classes in which you will gain a clear picture of the legal market and learn the foundational skills necessary for success in your job search and long-term career development. In line with Emory Law’s upper-level, for-credit professional development class, CS&D will teach you how to present your life experiences in order to secure employment successfully as a legal professional. The course will also teach you how to identify your professional strengths, interests, and values. You’ll learn how to select and incorporate persuasive themes into resumes, cover letters, and other business communications while becoming market-ready. In addition, you will learn how best to capitalize on the individual advising sessions, networking events, and the myriad career opportunities you will have at Emory Law.





## YEAR TWO Find Your Legal Voice

In your second year, you will begin to chart your path. It will be different from that of your classmates — you have unique goals when it comes to your desired practice area, work setting, and geographic location.

At Emory Law, we will support you along your individual journey and provide personalized guidance and resources throughout your legal education. Our unique approach to hands-on learning — which comprises skills classes, clinics, externships, public interest opportunities, and professional development programs — will help you explore your options and begin to make decisions about your future. You will complete your second year with a one-week immersion in advocacy and a summer internship or clerkship.



“I believe the change that our world needs begins and ends with the legal structures we have in place. I hope to be a lawyer who can benefit and improve the lives of the people who have been and continue to be the most harmed by the law. I believe this is my ethical responsibility as both a law student and a future lawyer.”

EMMA MANSBERG 24L

## YEAR TWO

## Discern Your Legal Path

Externships are an integral part of the Emory Law experience, taking the principles you learn in the classroom and applying them in practice. Our Externships Program places an average of 130 students each semester and partners with over 300 approved sites, including government agencies, public interest organizations, courts, companies, and small firms. Under the supervision of an attorney, you will hone skills that include research, writing, advocacy, interviewing, counseling, litigation, and case investigation while earning experiential course credit.

Visit [law.emory.edu/externships](http://law.emory.edu/externships) to learn more about the structure of our externship opportunities.

On-campus clinics offer real-world experience through direct client service in a range of settings, including the [Barton Legislative Advocacy Clinic](#), [Barton Juvenile Defender Clinic](#), [Barton Appeal for Youth Clinic](#), [Emory Immigrant Legal Assistance](#), [International Humanitarian Law Clinic](#), [Turner Environmental Law Clinic](#), and [Volunteer Clinic for Veterans](#).

### PUBLIC INTEREST

Emory Law's location in a vibrant metropolitan area offers abundant opportunities to study and practice law in the [public sector](#). Emory is associated with The Carter Center, founded to promote democracy and human rights around the world. In addition, Atlanta is at the heart of criminal justice reform in the South, with leading organizations such as the Southern Center for Human Rights. The city is also home to the South's largest environmental organization, the Southern Environmental Law Center.

### KESSLER-EIDSON PROGRAM FOR TRIAL TECHNIQUES

[This program](#) provides all second-year students with a foundation in oral advocacy, connecting students with more than 100 nationally recognized trial lawyers, judges, and professors. As part of the program's learn-by-doing format, you will conduct an evidentiary hearing and a mock trial, giving you a strong foundation in the mechanics of litigating a case, from direct and cross-examination to introducing evidence into court.





## YEAR THREE

## Prepare for Your Future

In your third year, you will enhance your knowledge of the law through continued practice-oriented coursework and hands-on experiences to prepare you fully for the legal profession.

You also will focus on mentoring opportunities under the coaching of a dedicated Career Center adviser.

### CAREER SUPPORT CENTER

We recognize that your needs change during the course of law school, so we pair you with [an adviser](#) to ensure that you receive career direction designed specifically for you. This personalized approach provides programs and resources tailored to exactly where you are in your job search each year. You will continue to take advantage of our unique [practice societies](#) to help you determine your areas of legal interest and deepen your connections in the profession.

### MENTORING

You also will focus more on cultivating and using professional connections, including mentor relationships with alumni and connections with attorneys in the cities in which you plan to practice. These relationships will be critical to helping you secure your first job and succeeding in your daily interactions with practicing attorneys.

### NETWORKING

Students may participate in a number of networking opportunities to make connections with alumni and other professionals in Atlanta, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Houston, Miami, Washington DC, and other cities across the country.



## Tailor your Education

Whether you are looking for a traditional career or taking a different path, an Emory Law JD gives you the tools and experience for a range of options. This section details several of Emory Law's signature programs, centers, and clinics that will help you build your knowledge and skills.

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY/TI:GER®

Unique to Emory Law, the [Technological Innovation: Generating Economic Results \(TI:GER®\)](#) program prepares students to transform promising research into economically viable products. The program unites law, business, engineering, and science in collaborative work teams where students learn to take innovative ideas from the lab to the marketplace.

A select group of students is accepted annually to participate, and those chosen pursue either a patent law track or a technology/business law track.

### GLOBAL HEALTH

Emory Law offers easy access to some of the most significant institutions in public health, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, located next door to Emory; world-renowned clinics and policy centers through Emory Healthcare; and The Carter Center, an Emory affiliate. Our JD/MPH [joint-degree](#) program with the Rollins School of Public Health allows students to combine administrative law and health law classes with Rollins survey courses, global health studies, and methods instruction. As a capstone, students complete a public health practicum and thesis. We also offer a JD/MA in bioethics for students interested in the intersection of health policy and law.



## LAW AND RELIGION

Emory founded a program in law and religion in 1982 to increase understanding of the fundamental role religion has played in shaping law, politics, and society. During the past three decades, the program has developed into the [Center for the Study of Law and Religion \(CSLR\)](#), dedicated to studying the religious dimensions of law; the legal dimensions of religion; and the interaction of legal and religious ideas, institutions, norms, and practices. CSLR has shaped the field of law and religion, and dozens of other universities around the world now emulate it. CSLR is also home to the *Journal of Law and Religion*, the flagship publication in the field. Some students also participate in joint-degree programs with Candler School of Theology to earn a JD/MDiv or a JD/MTS.

## LITIGATION

Whether you want to become a litigator or pursue a different career path, proficiency in practical advocacy is an invaluable skill to develop during law school. Emory Law's learn-by-doing format integrates existing knowledge of substantive evidence with practical trial skills for all students. Once you master the basics, you can further your litigation training with externships as well as specialized courses that address various types of litigation, including constitutional, criminal, pretrial, and complex cases.

All 2Ls participate in the [Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques](#), which hones your oral advocacy skills. The first module consists of five workshops focusing on case analysis, direct and cross-examination, exhibit drills, jury selection, and technology in the courtroom. The second module entails a weeklong, hands-on training, including performances that will be recorded and reviewed with you by faculty and drama coaches, culminating in a full mock trial that you conduct.



## THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

International law, both public and private, cannot be understood without a working knowledge of comparative politics, history, and culture. By tapping into Emory University's rich and vast resources, Emory Law encourages an interdisciplinary and experiential study of international law that prepares you to make an immediate impact in the legal world. Because the study of international and comparative law is not confined to the classroom at Emory Law, students can participate in the *Emory International Law Review*, international law moot court team sponsored by the Moot Court Society, International Law Society, National Security & Law Society, externships through The Carter Center, and networking with leading international lawyers through the international law sections of the Georgia and Atlanta Bar Associations and through the offices of general counsel of major international firms

## PUBLIC INTEREST

Emory Law is deeply committed to preparing students for [legal careers in public service](#). Our curriculum includes both traditional courses in public interest law and courses covering a range of topics from international human rights to homelessness. We offer experiences beyond the classroom through clinical programs in child advocacy, juvenile justice, international humanitarian law, and environmental law, as well as through our extensive externship program. You can become involved in practice societies and student groups while networking with faculty and alumni who work in the field. Each summer, Emory's student-run public interest organization provides stipends for dozens of students to work in the public sector.

## REAL ESTATE

At Emory Law, you will have the opportunity to focus on the legal, practical, and policy ends of real estate. Courses cover property, real estate sales and finance, state and local government law, and federal housing and homelessness, as well as the practical nature of buying and selling a house. Research opportunities exist through the Center for Affordable Housing and Community Development, which provides technical assistance to local governments and nonprofit community development organizations as they determine how to revitalize blighted neighborhoods and return abandoned, vacant, and tax-delinquent properties to productive use.



## TRANSACTIONAL LAW

Emory Law is committed to giving you the hands-on training necessary to distinguish yourself in your job search and practice. Our robust [Transactional Law and Skills Certificate](#) curriculum continues to be the gold standard for transactional law education, preparing you to add value to a transaction from day one on the job. Students in this program participate in a two-year series of core business and negotiation courses; hands-on, small-group simulation modules; and an externship at one of the many Fortune 500 and other in-house opportunities in Atlanta. Students who successfully complete the program will receive a Certificate in Transactional Law at graduation. Learn more at the [Center for Transactional Law and Practice](#) webpage.

## JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

A [joint degree](#) offers the incredible opportunities of Emory Law combined with the invaluable resources of Emory's other prestigious professional schools, allowing you to specialize in areas of the law that most interest you. You must be admitted to both Emory Law and the programs listed below:

### **JD/MBA**

Juris Doctor and Master of Business  
Administration  
*Goizueta Business School*

### **JD/MTS**

Juris Doctor and Master of Theological  
Studies  
*Candler School of Theology*

### **JD/MDiv**

Juris Doctor and Master of Divinity  
*Candler School of Theology*

### **JD/PhD**

Juris Doctor and Doctor of Philosophy in  
Religion  
*Laney Graduate School*

### **JD/MA**

Juris Doctor and Master of Arts in  
Bioethics  
*Laney Graduate School*

### **JD/MPH**

Juris Doctor and Master of Public Health  
*Rollins School of Public Health*



## PRACTICE SOCIETIES

A unique aspect of Emory Law, our [practice societies](#) are made up of faculty, student leaders, alumni, and career strategy advisers who bring more than 100 practitioners to campus for networking panels and professional development events each year. We encourage you to sample different societies and join those that pique your career interests.

## MOOT COURT SOCIETY

[Emory Law's Moot Court Society](#) enables you to develop your brief writing and oral advocacy, which will help you become an effective appellate advocate. Students compete against other schools in national competitions. Each year, the Moot Court Society also sponsors the [Civil Rights and Liberties](#) competition on Emory's campus, which is attended by more than a dozen law schools.

## MOCK TRIAL SOCIETY

[Mock Trial](#) competitions are an opportunity to put legal concepts into action in a simulated trial environment. Students who participate tend to be more comfortable in the courtroom environment because they develop the fundamental skills of persuasion, oral presentation, critical thinking, strategy development, and problem analysis.

## EXTERNSHIPS AND CLINICS

Your education will be shaped by the scholarly work of our centers and academic programs as well as clinical programs, which offer curriculum-based, real-world experience through direct client service in a range of settings, including the Baron Legislative Advocacy Clinic, Barton Juvenile Defender Clinic, Barton Appeal for Youth Clinic, Emory Immigrant Legal Assistance, International Humanitarian Law Clinic, Turner Environmental Law Clinic, and Volunteer Clinic for Veterans. [Learn more.](#)





### TURNER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINIC

Each year, the Turner Environmental Law Clinic provides more than 4,000 hours of pro bono legal representation to individuals, community groups, and nonprofits that seek to protect and restore the natural environment. The clinic offers students an intense, hands-on introduction to environmental law and regulatory practice. With direct faculty supervision, students work closely with some of the nation's prominent environmental organizations on the clinic's litigation, transactional, and policy matters. The work addresses critical environmental issues of today, such as sustainable energy and climate change, sustainable agriculture and urban farming, natural resource protection, and environmental justice. [Learn more.](#)

### FEMINISM AND LEGAL THEORY PROJECT

Led by renowned scholar [Martha Albertson Fineman](#), Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Law, the Feminism and Legal Theory Project examines specific laws and policies related to the intersection of gender and issues such as race, class, ability, and sexuality. It also focuses on the legal and social position of children and other vulnerable populations. [Learn more.](#)

### INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW CLINIC

This clinic promotes the law of armed conflict and strives to eliminate torture, war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity. It focuses on implementing humanitarian law in US military operations and national security strategy, seeking accountability for international humanitarian law violations, and training and educating organizations involved in armed conflict. The clinic partners with international criminal tribunals, the US military, nongovernmental organizations, and law firms around the world. [Learn more.](#)



"I hope to one day have the opportunity to practice law in a way that will allow me to reflect the values of my mentors who devote their lives to the pursuit of a more just society."

MICHAEL REED-PRICE 24L



## Student Volunteer Opportunities

Student-led clinics\* offer real-world experience through direct client service. These opportunities enable students to connect with mentors at pro bono law firms and nonprofits.

### **VOLUNTEER CLINIC FOR VETERANS**

This student-founded clinic provides free legal representation for service-connected disability claims and civil matters for those who have served our country. [Learn more.](#)

### **INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT**

Law students assist volunteer attorneys in providing individual legal representation for refugees seeking resettlement, and they engage in policy work around refugee issues. [Learn more.](#)

### **EMORY IMMIGRANT LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

In collaboration with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, students assist local immigration attorneys in providing brief legal advice to metro Atlanta immigrants who walk into the monthly legal clinics. [Learn more.](#)

\* Service in these clinics is performed on a volunteer basis, not for academic credit.



## BARTON CHILD LAW AND POLICY CENTER

The center promotes and protects the legal rights and interests of children who are involved with the juvenile court, child welfare, and the juvenile justice systems. Clinical and summer offerings include:

- Policy and Legislative Clinic—with faculty supervision, engages students in the process of policy development and advocacy for concrete reform proposals.
- Juvenile Defender Clinic—with faculty supervision, students admitted to practice law under Georgia’s Student Practice Act provide holistic legal representation for children in delinquency and related proceedings.
- Appeal for Youth Clinic—seeks to create systemic reform through students who, with faculty supervision, provide holistic appellate and post-conviction representation to youthful offenders in the juvenile and criminal justice systems through direct appeals, habeas petitions, resentencing hearings, and education proceedings.
- Emory Summer Child Advocacy Program—provides hands-on experience in the field of child advocacy to students performing daily work under the supervision of child welfare and juvenile court professionals.

[Learn more.](#)

## VULNERABILITY AND THE HUMAN CONDITION

Since its inception, the Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative has aimed to carve out academic space in which scholars can imagine models of state support and legal protection that focus on the commonalities of the human condition—most centrally, the universal vulnerability of human beings and the imperfection of the societal institutions created to address that vulnerability. The program hosts scholars, speakers, and events that explore and strengthen the concept of vulnerability. [Learn more.](#)



## Student Support

The Office of Academic Engagement and Student Success connects students to academic resources and support at Emory Law as well as the larger Emory University campus. The office oversees numerous aspects of the student experience, including the Houses Program, bar exam preparation, wellness, and academic success.

### DEAN'S TEACHING FELLOWS

The Dean's Teaching Fellows are an important part of student success. They are high-achieving upper-year law students selected to serve as academic counselors for their fellow students. As peer-to-peer academic counselors, they help fellow students build law school academic skills. Each Dean's Teaching Fellow holds weekly office hours during which students are encouraged to come and seek assistance on topics such as study methods, class preparations, outlining, exam writing skills, time management, effective class note taking, etc.

### WELLNESS

Law school is a marathon, not a sprint. Over the course of your time at Emory Law, there will be various stressors and it is important to take care of yourself holistically and not just academically. The university and law school have excellent resources to support students and we encourage you to take advantage of them as a student. At Emory Law, these resources include therapy dogs, the Stress Busters program through the Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library, and Let's Talk consultations, during which law students can schedule online to meet with a Let's Talk consultant from Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS).

The Office of Academic Engagement and Student Success assists students in connecting to any of these resources and highlights them in a yearly "Wellness Week" each February.



## LIBRARY

The [Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library](#) serves Emory faculty, staff, students, alumni, and members of the local legal community.

The library offers a three-tiered system to support students at the circulation desk. Each part of the circulation desk offers unique skills to assist students.

Students can check out a study guide or reserve a study space in the library.

The next section of the desk is the [research services department](#). If students have a research question or need help delving into a specific topic, they come to the research services department, where everyone has a library degree and a JD. These are former practicing lawyers that are experts in their field. They have been through what law students are going through as they research, and they're incredibly eager to help.

The third portion of the desk contains our [IT experts](#). If students are having trouble printing, getting money onto their student ID card, or troubleshooting their internet connection, they can ask for help here.

Our collection services department is constantly looking at and evaluating hundreds of thousands of our resources. They review the newest journals, ensuring that not only do students have current legal resources, but also the historic pieces needed to enhance research.

[Learn more.](#)



“I chose Emory Law because I knew I would never have to compromise on my aspirations here. Being at this institution in a city like Atlanta means no end to the academic, professional, and social opportunities available to me.”

SANJANA PAI 24L



## Living in Atlanta

With a population of more than six million people, one of the Southeast’s largest cities provides countless opportunities for legal networking, externships, and summer jobs. Atlanta offers something for everyone — professional and club sports, museums and galleries, a lively music scene, and a range of great restaurants for the most discerning foodie.

### A HUB FOR THE BUSINESS AND LEGAL COMMUNITY

Atlanta ranks among the top cities in the US for the number of Fortune 500 company headquarters, and the regional offices of nearly every federal agency — including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Environmental Protection Agency — are nearby. Emory University also maintains active partnerships with many of the city’s preeminent institutions, such as The Carter Center, the CDC, and Georgia Institute of Technology.

With 20% of Emory Law’s alumni located in Atlanta, you can take advantage of our connections in the community to meet and learn from attorneys, judges, and others who will help you launch your legal career here in Atlanta as well as in other major cities such as Chicago, New York, Houston, Boston, Los Angeles, Miami, Dallas, and Washington DC.



## A VIBRANT SOCIAL SCENE

With its great climate and renowned Southern hospitality, Atlanta offers something for everyone. Catch a Braves, Hawks, Falcons, or United game; visit the High Museum of Art or Georgia Aquarium; go strolling, running, or cycling through Piedmont Park or along the Beltline or Atlanta's lovely, tree-lined neighborhoods; get tickets for the award-winning Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; or listen to the latest indie-rock band playing at Eddie's Attic. Food lovers will enjoy a myriad of cuisines—from the most exclusive Buckhead bistro, to dim sum on Buford Highway, to Georgia-style barbecue just down the street.

## HOUSING

Emory University's new on-campus graduate and professional housing, The Ridge, opens Fall 2024. Incoming students will be permitted to apply for this housing opportunity beginning April 16, 2024. If you would like to sign up to receive more information about The Ridge, please [fill out this form](#) and [visit their website](#).

For off-campus housing, there are options in a variety of neighborhoods for a range of budgets. Emory Law students benefit from the university's location in a beautiful residential area. Popular neighborhoods include Virginia Highlands, Druid Hills, Toco Hills, Inman Park, Candler Park, Morningside, Midtown, and City of Decatur (30033 and 30030 are the two Decatur ZIP codes closest to campus).

Visit the [Emory's Off-Campus Housing page](#) for additional suggestions about graduate housing options.

If you're interested in having a roommate who is a classmate, the best way to find one is to join our Class of 2027 Facebook group after you've paid your deposit.

For more information, please [visit our Admitted Students page](#).

## Your Next Steps

Congratulations again on your acceptance. We've assembled a list of basic things you need to know to ensure your transition to the Emory Law family is as seamless as possible.

### MAKE IT OFFICIAL

Connecting to Emory University's Online Pathway to University Students, or OPUS, gives students the ability to accept financial aid, pay student account charges, view schedules and grades, order transcripts, and access many other services. One week after your date of admission, you may retrieve your network ID and password through [OPUS](#).

### TUITION DEPOSIT

Your tuition deposit secures your spot in the incoming class. The nonrefundable deposit is applied to your tuition upon enrollment. Submitting your tuition deposit in a timely fashion is extremely important and ensures we hold your spot in the class.

After Emory Law has processed your tuition deposit, you will be notified about how to access your Emory email account and other incoming student resources.

### EMAIL

Most of our communications with admitted students are through email. If you need to update your contact information, notify us immediately at [jdadmission@emory.edu](mailto:jdadmission@emory.edu).

### STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

If you have a disability, contact Emory's [Office of Accessibility Services](#) for specific information on obtaining an Individualized Accommodation Plan.

## Funding Your Legal Education

Obtaining funding for higher education can be stressful. Thankfully, Cindy Gershman, senior associate director of financial aid, has been helping students with this challenge for years. She and her team assist students with applying for federal and private education loans.

Gershman says students considering financial aid can take several proactive steps to ease the financial burden. "Before starting law school, pay off as much consumer debt as you can and set a budget for yourself," she advises. In addition, Gershman says it's important for students to keep good records of their loan debt and use a student loan repayment calculator (there are several online) to keep abreast of projected repayment amounts. Students also can monitor the status of their financial aid files through OPUS, Emory's online student information system.

[Tuition](#) for 2024–2025 will be posted soon. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may be submitted any time after October 1 for federal student loans. The recommended deadline for submitting your complete FAFSA is March 1; however, we will accept submissions throughout the summer. Complete the FAFSA if accepting federal aid is even a slight possibility — you can always decline aid that is offered. Emory's FAFSA code is 001564.

### HEALTH INSURANCE

For information on Emory University's policy about student health insurance coverage, visit [law.emory.edu/studenthealth](http://law.emory.edu/studenthealth).



### OTHER FEES

Additional information about other fees, including student activity and recreational fees, will be forthcoming once your deposit is received.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Any merit scholarship you have been awarded will be communicated to you by the law admission office. This scholarship amount should appear in your financial aid package as anticipated aid. If you do not complete the FAFSA, any scholarship will be displayed in OPUS as anticipated aid. Questions about merit-based scholarships should be sent to [jdadmission@emory.edu](mailto:jdadmission@emory.edu).

Emory University Office of Financial Aid  
200 Dowman Drive, Suite 300  
Atlanta, GA 30322  
Phone: 404.727.6039 or 800.727.6039  
Fax: 404.727.6709  
[law.emory.edu/financialaid](http://law.emory.edu/financialaid)

Visit the [Office of Financial Aid webpage](#) to get step-by-step instructions about the financial aid process and the terms and conditions of various loan options.

### FINANCIAL AID ADVISERS

Cindy Gershman  
Students with last names beginning A–C

Brittney Sanderson  
Students with last names beginning D–M

Jennifer Lyles  
Students with last names beginning N–Z

Email financial aid advisers at [gradfinaid@emory.edu](mailto:gradfinaid@emory.edu). Visit the [Office of Financial Aid website](#) for the most current adviser/alpha listing.

## Dates & Deadlines

<b>NOW!</b>	Connect with us and <a href="#">visit our admitted student resources page</a> , or give us a call at 404.727.6802.
<b>March 1</b>	Recommended deadline for FAFSA and contacting Emory's Office of Financial Aid for loan assistance.
<b>March – April</b>	Explore Emory Law with a variety of in-person and virtual events that give admitted students the opportunity to interact with faculty, staff, alumni, and current students. You'll find out more about housing options, learn about financial aid, and get an idea of what your first classes will be like.
<b>April 15</b>	Submit your first deposit.
<b>May 15</b>	Submit your second deposit.
<b>June 15</b>	Recommended date to finalize Fall 2024 housing.
<b>Early August</b>	Welcome Week (new student orientation).
<b>August 19</b>	Classes begin.

## Keep In Touch

We'll send more information about activities for admitted students this spring — check your email and visit our [Explore Emory Law website](#).

Right now: Take our [virtual tour](#) with recent grad Seal Ortega 20L.

## Non-discrimination Statement

Emory University is dedicated to providing equal opportunities to all individuals regardless of race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, gender, genetic information, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and veteran's status. Emory University does not discriminate in admissions, educational programs, or employment on the basis of any factor stated above or prohibited under applicable law. Students, faculty, and staff are assured of participation in University programs and in the use of facilities without such discrimination. Emory University complies with all applicable equal employment opportunity laws and regulations, and follows the principles outlined above in all aspects of employment including recruitment, hiring, promotions, transfers, discipline, terminations, wage and salary administration, benefits, and training. Inquiries should be directed to the Emory University Office of Equity and Inclusion, Administration Building, 201 Dowman Drive, Atlanta, GA 30322. Telephone: 404.727.9867.

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