

Proposed Language for Coif Section of Student Handbook; Chapter documents:

Effective as of Fall 2018: Election to the Order of the Coif is reserved for JD students who have graduated in the top 10% of their class and who are elected to the Order by the Emory Chapter, which consists exclusively of full-time Emory Law faculty members.

- Students are eligible for election only if they have completed 75% of their coursework for the Juris Doctor degree in graded courses. “Graded coursework” includes courses taken for a grade at Emory, or taken for a grade at another ABA-accredited law school and reported as a pass on the Emory transcript, for which the credit was used to satisfy the Emory Juris Doctor degree requirements. It does not include courses taken pass/fail at Emory or elsewhere, and it does not include courses taken at non-ABA-accredited law schools.
 - For Emory Law Classes of 2019 and 2020: courses taken at non-US law schools for a grade, but which transfer to Emory Law as pass-fail units, will count as graded coursework for Coif eligibility purposes. Beginning with the class of 2021 and for all successive classes, such courses DO NOT count as graded coursework.
- Emory students who come to us as transfer students, or who visit elsewhere as Emory students, are subject to the same eligibility rules as Emory students who begin their law school careers at Emory: they must complete 75% of their coursework in graded courses, and their grades must place them in the top 10% of their graduating class.
- Order of the Coif is an honor society, and each new member must be truly worthy of the honor. For that reason, it is within the discretion of the chapter to refuse membership to a student in the top 10% of the graduating class whom the Chapter determines is unfit for membership, based on the Chapter’s assessment of his or her character and behavior while at Emory. The determination of unfitness may include, but is not limited to, consideration of whether there were Professional Conduct Court proceedings brought by faculty, students, or staff against the student resulting in a finding of responsibility or admission of guilt (adjudicated or negotiated resolution), or whether a summary sanction was issued against the student for a Conduct Code issue.