

EMORY LAW 2026



*Welcome*

## Events for Admitted Students

This spring, experience what your first year at Emory Law will be like. We will host in-person tours and virtual 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.

- Sit in on 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



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*“Welcome from Team Emory Law. Here, we educate and prepare principled, sophisticated lawyers who can flourish in the legal profession anywhere. When you join our community, you are at the center of that mission. By focusing on True North and our strategic goals—the first of which is student flourishing—Emory Law’s national brand is strong and getting stronger. What we do at this law school matters, because what our students and alumni do in the profession matters. There are lawyers, and then there are Emory Lawyers. I look forward to welcoming you onto the team!”*

View a [message](#) from Dean Rich Freer.

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# 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 15,700 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.



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*"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.**  
VICE DEAN AND THOMAS SIMMONS  
PROFESSOR OF LAW

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# Leading Scholars & Outstanding Teachers

Our [professors](#) have unique backgrounds and interests — from pioneering feminism and legal theory, to exploring the intersection of law and religion, to shaping the AI revolution to better human health, generate economic value, and promote social justice. 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.

# 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 lead your legal and broader communities with professionalism and character.



# Our Student Community



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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. Student-led clinics, such as Emory Immigrant Legal Services and International Refugee Assistance Project, offer real-world experience through direct client service. These opportunities enable students to connect with mentors at pro bono law firms and non-profits. Service in these clinics is performed on a volunteer basis, not for academic credit.

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## 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)

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*“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**  
ASSOCIATE, ARNOLD,  
NEWBOLD, SOLLARS &  
HOLLINS, P.C.

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# 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.



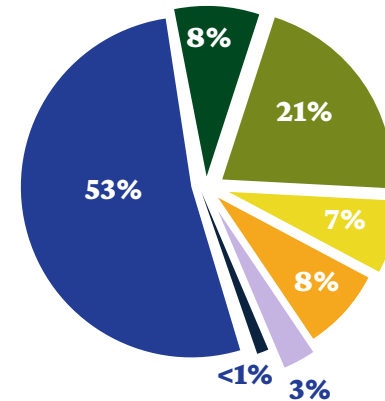
# Student Body Profile

## Class of 2028 Top Undergraduate Schools

University of Georgia	<b>31</b>
University of Florida	<b>21</b>
Emory University	<b>10</b>
Tulane University	<b>10</b>
Florida State University	<b>9</b>
University of California-Berkeley	<b>9</b>
Cornell University	<b>8</b>
University of Virginia	<b>8</b>
George Washington University	<b>7</b>
University of Michigan- Ann Arbor	<b>7</b>
University of Wisconsin-Madison	<b>7</b>

### Self-Identified Race/Ethnicity

■ Caucasian/White	<b>53%</b>
■ Hispanic/Latino	<b>8%</b>
■ Asian	<b>21%</b>
■ Black/African American	<b>7%</b>
■ Unknown	<b>8%</b>
■ Multiracial	<b>3%</b>
■ Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<b>&lt;1%</b>



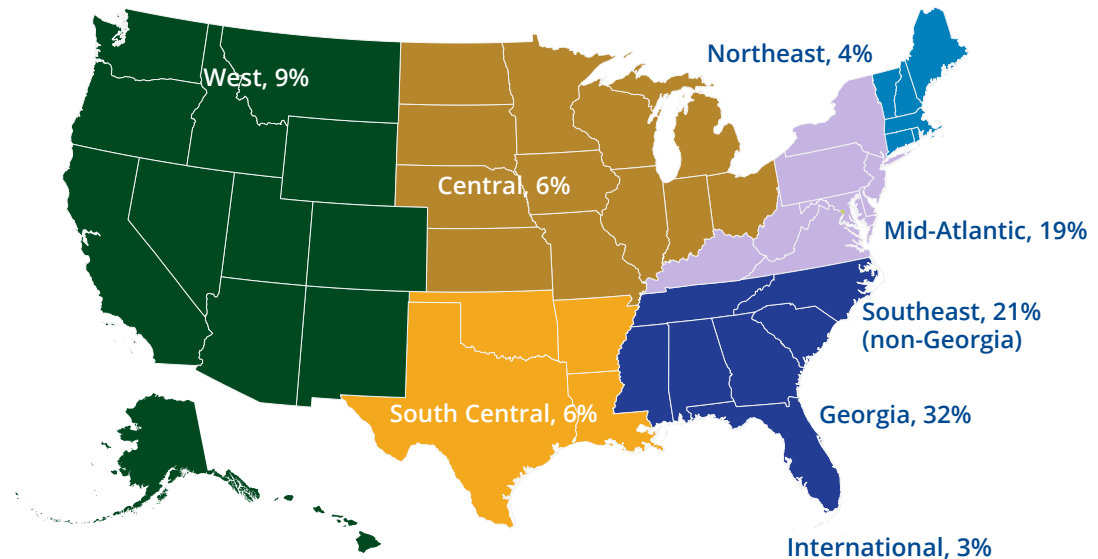
**911**

Enrolled students

**55%**

Female students

### Regions Represented



Totals may be greater or less than 100% due to rounding.

# Emory Lawyer for Life

More than 15,700 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.



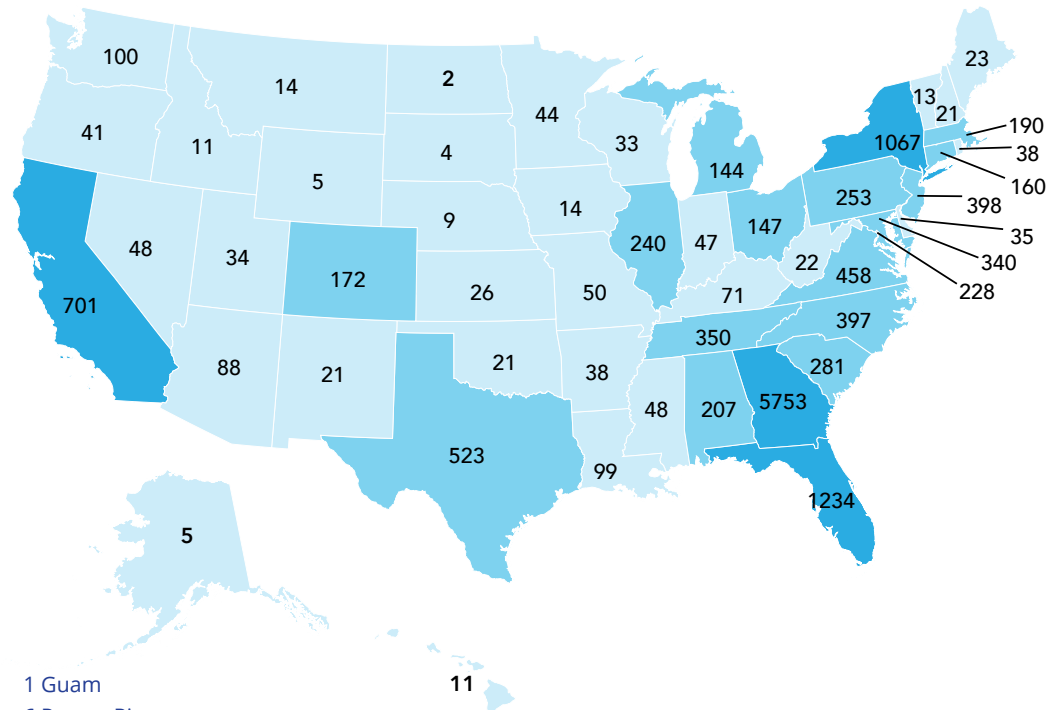
*“Being an Emory Lawyer is not just a brand; it’s caring about each other, being excellent, and making the world a better place.”*

**ALOKE CHAKRAVARTY 97L**  
 PARTNER, SAUL EWING LLP;  
 FORMER ASSISTANT  
 US ATTORNEY IN THE  
 ANTI-TERRORISM AND NATIONAL  
 SECURITY UNIT, DISTRICT OF  
 MASSACHUSETTS, AND LEAD  
 PROSECUTOR IN THE BOSTON  
 MARATHON BOMBING CASE



*“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**  
 HEALTHCARE REGULATORY  
 ASSOCIATE, HUSCH BLACKWELL



Data as of January 2026.  
 Shaded states are those with a significant alumni presence.



# Immerse Yourself in the *Language of the Law*

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## 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, Research, and Communications II
  - First-Year Elective
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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.

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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.

# Becoming an Emory *Lawyer*

## The Center for Professional Development

Beginning in your 1L year, the [Center for Professional Development](#) 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 Center for Professional Development 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.



# Discern Your Legal Path

Starting with your second year, you will have an opportunity to gain real-world experience while earning academic credit. Externships are an integral part of the Emory Law experience, taking the principles you learn in the classroom and applying them in practice. Under the supervision of an attorney, you will hone your lawyering skills, including research, writing, advocacy, interviewing, counseling, litigation, and case investigation. 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 law firms.

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 Policy and Legislative Advocacy Clinics](#), [Juvenile Defender Clinic](#), [Barton Appeal for Youth Clinic](#), [Emory Immigrant Legal Assistance](#), [International Humanitarian Law Clinic](#), [Turner Environmental Law Clinic](#), [International Refugee Assistance Project](#), and [IP and Innovation Clinic](#).

## 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 Center for Professional Development advisor.

## Career Support Center

We recognize that your needs change during the course of law school, so we pair you with [an advisor](#) 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.

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## 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.

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# A Vibrant 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.

## A Hub for the Business and Legal Community

Atlanta ranks among the top cities in the US for the number for 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 over a third 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.



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## 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, and least, discerning foodie.

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# Financing Your Legal Education



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## Funding Your Legal Education

Obtaining funding for higher education can be stressful.

Thankfully, Cindy Gershman, 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 2026-2027 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. Questions about financial aid should be sent to [gradfinaid@emory.edu](mailto:gradfinaid@emory.edu).

## 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 Office of Admission and Scholarships. 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).

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.

# Your Next Steps

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Congratulations again on your acceptance. We've assembled a list of basic things you need to know to ensure your transition to Team Emory Law 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 can be paid through OPUS and 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 [Department of Accessibility Services](#) for specific information on obtaining an Individualized Accommodation Plan.



# Your Next Steps



## Dates & Deadlines

NOW	Visit our <a href="#">admitted student resources page</a> for next steps information.
March 1	Recommended deadline for FAFSA and contacting Emory's Office of Financial Aid for loan assistance.
March – April	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.
April 15	Submit your first tuition deposit.
May 15	Submit your second tuition deposit.
June – July	Recommended timeframe to finalize your fall housing.
Early August	Orientation is mandatory for all students.
August 17	Classes begin.

## Keep In Touch

We'll send more details about visit opportunities for admitted students this spring, and they'll be shared on our [Explore Emory Law website](#) as well. We'll also send a monthly admitted student newsletter that will highlight important onboarding information, so be sure to check your email throughout the spring and summer and let us know if your contact information needs to be updated at any point.

Emory University is a tobacco-free campus.

*Nondiscrimination Statement* – Emory is an equal opportunity employer, and qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, protected veteran status or other characteristics protected by state or federal law. Emory University does not discriminate in admissions, educational programs, or employment, including recruitment, hiring, promotions, transfers, discipline, terminations, wage and salary administration, benefits, and training. Students, faculty, and staff are assured of participation in university programs and in the use of facilities without such discrimination. Emory University complies with Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act, and applicable executive orders, federal and state regulations regarding nondiscrimination, equal opportunity, and affirmative action (for protected veterans and individuals with disabilities). Inquiries regarding this policy should be directed to the Emory University Department of Equity and Civil Rights Compliance, 201 Downman Drive, Administration Building, Atlanta, GA 30322. Telephone: 404-727-9867 (V) | 404-712- 2049 (TDD).

*SACS Accreditation* – Emory University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, doctorate, and professional degrees. Emory University also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Emory University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website ([www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)).

*American Bar Association Character and Fitness Standard Statement* – In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every US jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.



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