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in the Law
— an Emory
Lawyer

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The Emory *Experience*



You have the intellect and passion to be an outstanding lawyer, and you seek a top-tier, well-resourced law school to begin that journey.

At Emory University School of Law, you'll have all that and more — faculty who are experts in their respective areas and dynamic teachers in the classroom; countless opportunities for hands-on, experiential learning; and an environment of support and cooperation that encourages challenging the status quo. Our student-centered focus, innovative programs, and commitment to scholarship prepare graduates to make an immediate and lasting impact.

Our *Exceptional* Faculty

The Emory Law faculty have, at their core, an unwavering commitment to educating lawyers who can flourish in the practice of law anywhere—and who can lead their legal and broader communities with professionalism and character.

Like you, Emory Law 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 real-world experience, having clerked for federal judges and practiced law for the public sector, businesses, and private firms. They are renowned for their teaching, digging deep to elicit the best in

themselves and expecting you to do the same. At the same time, they are leading discussions in mainstream media and authoring leading law reviews, books, and textbooks.

Our excellent student-faculty ratio fosters a culture of openness and collaboration, ensuring that you receive individual guidance. Our faculty help you realize your goals and encourage you to explore new opportunities.

[Learn more: law.emory.edu/faculty-and-scholarship](http://law.emory.edu/faculty-and-scholarship)

1L Curriculum

First-year students begin preparing for their career from the very start of their law school experience, learning valuable skills in both a Career Strategy and Design course and the Emory Law Professionalism Program. In the second semester, students choose an elective that allows them to explore an area of interest. Electives vary each year and provide a strong foundation for more specialized study.

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



“I am particularly excited that Emory has provided resources to build a center for the study of civil rights and social justice. Doing this work in the name of John Lewis, a legendary civil rights hero, is deeply inspiring and humbling.”

DARREN LENARD HUTCHINSON
PROFESSOR OF LAW AND JOHN LEWIS
CHAIR FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND
SOCIAL JUSTICE

Individualized Career Support

Today's employers are looking for qualities that reflect an individual's initiative, resilience, and readiness to practice. They want to see a demonstrated interest in and enthusiasm for practicing law, which, at its heart, is a service profession. At Emory Law, you receive individualized guidance, structure, and resources to help you plan both a short-term and a long-term career path.

Dedicated to your success, the Emory Law Center for Professional Development and Career Strategy provides insightful, individualized career advising and strives to be your partner in securing summer, part-time, and post-graduate employment. We will help you take advantage of the many opportunities that will present themselves during your time at Emory Law. Our career advisors are experienced, well-connected attorneys who are passionate about helping you secure your first position, which will put you on the path to a successful legal career.



"I chose Emory Law because of its stellar reputation, its location in a vibrant, major city, and its commitment to justice for young people through the Barton Center."

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DISCERN YOUR PATH

Emory Law's Center for Professional Development and Career Strategy provides a full range of resources, programming, and advisors/mentors to help you explore career options.



Practice Makes Perfect

A unique aspect of Emory Law, our practice societies are made up of faculty, student leaders, alumni, and career strategy advisors who bring more than 100 practitioners to campus for networking, panels, and professional development events each year. This approach allows you a hands-on opportunity to bridge the theoretical to the world of practice.

Practice Societies

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Society
- Banking and Financial Institutions Law Society
- Bankruptcy Society
- Child, Family, and Elder Law Society
- Civil Rights Law Practice Society
- Communications and Media Law Society
- Corporate and Business Law Society
- Criminal Law Society
- Energy Law Society
- Environmental Law and Conservation Society
- Health Law Society
- Immigration Law Society
- Intellectual Property Society
- International Law Society
- Labor and Employment Law Society
- Law and Artificial Intelligence Society
- Litigation Society
- National Security and Military Law Society
- Real Estate Law Society
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Tax Law Society



“Clinics provide important pro bono representation to individuals, community groups, and nonprofit organizations that may otherwise go unrepresented—a reflection of our commitment to public service.”

MINDY GOLDSTEIN
 DIRECTOR,
 TURNER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINIC
 CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF LAW



A Wealth of *Options*

Experiential learning, so critical to a lawyer's development, takes myriad forms at Emory Law. We empower you to discern your path right from the start of your legal education, from a first-year elective that explores an area of possible interest to a wide range of simulation programs, externships, clinics, and student organizations that guide you throughout your time at Emory Law.



Signature Programs

Clinics

Our clinics offer curriculum-based, real-world experience through direct client service in a range of settings under the supervision of law school faculty. Each clinic's docket is designed to immerse you fully in all aspects of the legal process, allowing you to take the lead in litigation, transactional, and policy matters that range from local to international levels. Student-led clinics working with refugees and immigrants are also available.

Barton Appeal for Youth Clinic | Juvenile Defender Clinic | Barton Policy and Legislative Advocacy Clinics | Emory Immigrant Legal Assistance* | International Humanitarian Law Clinic | International Refugee Assistance Project* | IP and Innovation Clinic | Turner Environmental Law Clinic

*Indicates service on a volunteer basis, not for academic credit

[Learn more: law.emory.edu/clinics](http://law.emory.edu/clinics)

Externships

We have made these an integral part of the Emory Law experience, taking the skills and principles you learn in the classroom and applying them in practice. Our externship 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. 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.

[Learn more: law.emory.edu/externships](http://law.emory.edu/externships)

Public Interest

Emory Law is deeply committed to preparing students for legal careers in public service. Our innovative curriculum includes traditional courses in public interest law as well as a range of topics from international human rights to homelessness. Students will benefit from an interdisciplinary approach that brings together respected professors, leading scholars from around the world, and “learn-by-doing” experiential programs.

[Learn more: law.emory.edu/publicinterest](http://law.emory.edu/publicinterest)



The Emory Public Interest Committee helps make public interest jobs accessible to students and annually honors students and community members for their service.

Tailor Your Education

Adapt your class schedule to your areas of interest and gain the experience that future employers desire. Options include renowned programs in litigation and transactional law, as well as courses that range from AI and IP to mergers and acquisitions.



Nicole Morris

Director of TI:GER® (Technological Innovation: Generating Economic Results), Faculty Director of the IP and Innovation Clinic, and Professor of Practice



“For me, teaching is a calling. I have three core priorities in my teaching: mastery, inclusion, and community. If I get these right, I help all my students to become the most effective attorneys they can be. My proudest moments as a teacher are when I receive notes from students describing that they felt confident in tackling difficult issues in their summer or full-time positions because of the concepts or skills they had learned in my class.”

MATTHEW LAWRENCE

ASSOCIATE DEAN OF FACULTY AND
PROFESSOR OF LAW



Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques

Second-year students participate in this acclaimed program, which includes simulations with nationally recognized trial lawyers, judges, and trial teachers.

Technological Innovation

Technological Innovation: Generating Economic Results, or TI:GER, brings together graduate students in law, business, engineering, and science to work on start-up projects; their goal is to transform highly promising research into economically viable projects. You will provide a crucial legal perspective to your TI:GER team, helping bring ideas and inventions to the forefront that could change the world and save lives.

[Learn more: law.emory.edu/tiger](http://law.emory.edu/tiger)

Litigation Instruction

Through classes, programs, and activities, you will learn the analytical, negotiation, and writing skills needed to be a successful litigator. Two of the four concentrations available to our JD students include Criminal Litigation as well as Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution. You can also hone your skills through involvement in the student-run Moot Court and Mock Trial societies.

[Learn more: law.emory.edu/jd-concentrations](http://law.emory.edu/jd-concentrations)

Transactional Law and Skills

Acclaimed for combining doctrine and practice in this rigorous curricular program, Emory Law serves as the model for transactional education programs across the country. Through our program, you have the opportunity to become financially literate, acquire a strong foundation in business law doctrine, and practice contract drafting and other critical deal skills.

[Learn more: law.emory.edu/ctlp](http://law.emory.edu/ctlp)

Advocacy Training

We offer extensive trial-skills classes in areas such as jury selection, cross-examination, DNA evidence, and more. The Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques provides all second-year students with a foundation in oral advocacy. Each year, Emory Law hosts more than 80 nationally known trial lawyers, judges, and professors for a week of intensive workshops, during which each student will try both a bench and jury trial.

[Learn more: law.emory.edu/keptt](http://law.emory.edu/keptt)



Sue Payne, William and Jane Carney Professor of Transactional Law and Practice and Executive Director, Center for Transactional Law and Practice

We Have Your Back

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, with more than 60 student organizations and practice societies to choose from, you are sure to find ways to complement and further your interests. With students coming from many different backgrounds, Emory Law ensures that you and your peers bring a myriad of perspectives to the classroom.



Learn more about student life at Emory Law:
law.emory.edu/studentlife



"When searching for a law school, I knew that I wanted to attend a school that was diverse, put their students first, had a strong sense of community, and that truly saw the promise in students beyond the classroom. Emory has all of that and more."

NIKKI HURTADO 24L
ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY,
THE FERRARO LAW FIRM



Paula N. Ramos, JD, is the Director of Student Engagement and Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Emory University School of Law. As managing counsel with many years of experience and a distinguished legal background that includes clerkships with esteemed judges on the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the US District Court for the District of Columbia, she now focuses on enhancing student success. In this pivotal role, she contributes to student leadership development, administrative efficiency, student wellness initiatives, community building, and the cultivation of a respectful and supportive learning environment.

A City Second to None

With a population of more than six million, Atlanta provides countless opportunities for legal networking, externships, and summer jobs. There are 16 Fortune 500 companies headquartered in Atlanta, and the regional offices of nearly every federal agency are nearby. Emory University also maintains active partnerships with many of the city's preeminent institutions, such as The Carter Center and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Explore the best our city has to offer—including arts and culture, professional sports, top-rated restaurants, and countless outdoor activities. Enjoy bands at music festivals, visit the many unique neighborhoods, or spend time biking the BeltLine. In Hotlanta, there is a bit of sizzle for everyone.



“With its large legal community, Atlanta provides countless opportunities to expand your network and practice in any area of law. Socially, the city has something for everyone, from its rich history and arts scene to top-rated restaurants and outdoor activities. It is a great place to balance your professional and personal lives long term.”

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Distinguished *Company*

More than 15,700 alumni become your network when you join the Emory Law community. In addition to the 40% of Emory Law graduates practicing in Atlanta and throughout Georgia, Emory's strong alumni network connects graduates to other legal markets in major metro 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 S. CHAKRAVARTY 97L

PARTNER, SAUL EWING LLP;
FORMER ASSISTANT US ATTORNEY
IN THE ANTITERRORISM AND
NATIONAL SECURITY UNIT, DISTRICT
OF MASSACHUSETTS, AND LEAD
PROSECUTOR IN THE BOSTON
MARATHON BOMBING CASE



Select Notable Alumni

David Adelman 89L, former US ambassador to Singapore and former Georgia State Senate minority whip

Luis Aguilar LLM 85L, former commissioner at the US Securities and Exchange Commission

Facundo L. Bacardi 96L, chairman of the board, Bacardi Limited

Judge Elizabeth Branch 94L, US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Norman M. Brothers Jr. 92L, EVP and Chief Legal and Compliance Officer, UPS

Judge Mark Cohen 79L, district judge of the US District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

Clarence Cooper 67L, former senior district judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

Judge Orinda D. Evans 68L, former chief district judge of the US District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

Susannah Frost 98L, president, Chick-Fil-A

Gordon Giffin 74L, former US ambassador to Canada

Judge Steven D. Grimberg 98L, US District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

Carte Goodwin 99L, former US senator from West Virginia

Judge Leo Gordon 77L, senior judge, US Court of International Trade

John Halvey 86B 86L, former general counsel, NYSE Euronext

Judge Michael E. Hancock 78L, Senior Judge, DeKalb County Superior Court

Judge Catharina Haynes 86L, US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

C. Robert Henrikson 72L, retired chair, president, and CEO, MetLife

Judge Frank M. Hull 73L, senior judge, US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Judge Courtney Johnson 00L, DeKalb County Superior Court

The Reverend Bernice Albertine King 90L 90T, Chief Executive Officer, The King Center

Teri Plummer McClure 88L, retired chief HR officer and SVP, Labor, UPS

Raymond W. McDaniel Jr. 83L, retired president and CEO, Moody's Corporation

Judge Julien Xavier Neals 91L, US District Court for the District of New Jersey

Samuel A. Nunn Jr. 61C 62L, former US senator from Georgia, recipient of Emory Law's Centennial Lifetime Achievement Award

Samuel S. Olens 83L, former attorney general of Georgia

Stefan Passantino 91L, former deputy White House counsel and deputy assistant to the president, now partner with Michael Best and Friedrich LLP

Patrise Perkins-Hooker 84B 84L, City Attorney for Atlanta, GA

Judge Emily K. Richardson 05L, Fulton County Superior Court

Justice Leah Ward Sears 80L, retired chief justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, now partner with Smith, Gambrell & Russell

Judge Cynthia D. Stephens 76L, retired Michigan First District Court of Appeals

Mark Wasserman 86L, CEO Emeritus, Eversheds Sutherland



“Emory Law provided an incredible opportunity to interact with a diverse student body, world renowned professors, and access to a strong alumni network that has contributed to my career success.”

RUTH ROCKER MCMULLIN 00L
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT,
GWINNETT COUNTY



Join Our *Community*

Here's a chance to make your first critical filing. Apply and join students who have made Emory Law their first choice, recognizing its unparalleled ability to provide a practical, disciplined approach to the study of law that will engage you in the varied and integral roles the law plays in our community, society, and world.

For detailed instructions about the application process, visit law.emory.edu/apply

 [/school/emory-law/](https://www.linkedin.com/school/emory-law/)

 [@emorylaw](https://www.instagram.com/emorylaw)

 [/user/EmorySchoolofLaw](https://www.youtube.com/user/EmorySchoolofLaw)



“Morehouse College fostered a strong sense of community, and I’m grateful to find a similar spirit at Emory Law. This inclusive and diverse environment, where students from various backgrounds come together, allows me to challenge myself academically and engage with new perspectives.”

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Financing Your Education

Woodruff Fellows Program

Emory Law awards up to four full scholarships covering all tuition and mandatory fees each year as part of the Robert W. Woodruff Scholars and Fellows Program. It is the highest accolade an incoming student can receive. Successful applicants demonstrate exceptional character, scholastic ability, and leadership. To be considered for the Woodruff Fellowship, your Emory Law application must be complete with a Woodruff nomination letter on file by the February deadline.

Learn more: law.emory.edu/woodruff

Merit-Based Scholarships

All admitted students will automatically be considered for Emory Law's robust, merit-based scholarships. There is no separate scholarship application to complete.

Learn more: law.emory.edu/admission or contact our Office of Admission and Scholarships at jdadmission@emory.edu or 404.727.6802.



Emory Law Degrees

Juris Doctor (JD)
Master of Legal Studies (MLS)
Master of Laws (LLM)
Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD)

Joint Degree Programs

JD/MA in Bioethics
JD/MBA
JD/MDiv
JD/MPH
JD/MTS
JD/PhD

Emory University is a tobacco-free campus.

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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).

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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