A Leader in the Law — an Emory Lawyer
The Emory Experience

You have the intellect and passion to be an outstanding lawyer; you seek a top-tier, well-resourced school of law to complete 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.
First-year students begin preparing for their career from the very start of their 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

Our Exceptional Faculty

The Emory Law faculty have, at their core, an unwavering commitment to shaping the best legal minds of the next generation.

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 fighting for justice for military combatants and veterans. 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.

“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; DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND INCLUSION; CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER
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 advisers 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 applied to Emory Law because of its strong regional reputation. I was also particularly attracted to Emory’s externship program, which allows students to get credit for semester-long externships with large companies, firms, nonprofits, and government agencies in the Atlanta area. In addition, Emory has a really unique student organization called the Emory Law School Supreme Court Advocacy Program (ELSSCAP), which is the only student-run Supreme Court litigation program in the United States.”

ELYSE SHEPPARD 2SL

Discern Your Path
Emory Law’s Career Center provides a full range of resources, programming, and advisers/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 advisers 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

» Aviation Law Society
» Banking and Financial Institutions Law Society
» Bankruptcy Law Society
» Child, Family, and Elder Law Society
» Civil Rights Law Society
» Communications and Media Law Society
» Corporate and Business Law Society
» Criminal Law Society
» Energy Law Society
» Environmental Law Society
» Health Law Society

» Immigration Law Society
» Intellectual Property Law Society
» International Law Society
» Labor and Employment Law Society
» Law and Artificial Intelligence Society
» Law and Entrepreneurship Society
» Litigation Society
» National Security and Military Law Society
» Real Estate Law Society
» Sports and Entertainment Law Society
» Tax Law Society
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.

“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
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, immigrants, and veterans are also available.

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

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

Learn more: 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 more than 120 students with more than 100 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.

Learn more: 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.

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

Learn more: law.emory.edu/publicinterest
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), Director of the Innovation and Legal Tech Initiative, 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 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

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

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

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
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. Ranked among the most diverse schools in the nation, Emory Law ensures that you and your fellow students bring a memorable collection of perspectives to the classroom.

Learn more about Emory Law’s diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives:
law.emory.edu/about/diversity-equity-inclusion.html

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
LATIN AMERICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION (LALSA) PRESIDENT
With a population of more than six million, Atlanta provides countless opportunities for legal networking, externships, and summer jobs. There are 18 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.
More than 13,800 alumni become your network when you join the Emory Law community. In addition to the 40% of Emory Law graduates practicing in Atlanta, 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.”

ALOEK S. CHAKRAVARTY ’97L
PARTNER, SNELL & WILMER;
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

Judge Marvin S. Arrington Sr. 67L, retired Fulton County Superior Court judge and author of Making My Mark: The Story of a Man Who Wouldn’t Stay in His Place

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

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

Judge Mark Cohen 79L, district judge of the US 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

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

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

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

Daniel Marti 99L, former US intellectual property enforcement coordinator, now head of global government affairs with RELX Group

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

Raymond W. McDaniel Jr. 83L, 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 a partner with Michael Best and Friedrich LLP

Patrise Perkins-Hooker 84B 84L, Fulton County Attorney; first African American woman President of the State Bar of Georgia

Leah Ward Sears 80L, retired chief justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia

Paola Arzu Stange 01C 05L, Founding Partner, Stange Law Firm, PC

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

Mark Wasserman 86L, managing partner and co-CEO of the global firm 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.”

THE HONORABLE RUTH ROCKEY MCULLIN 00L
MAGISTRATE COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY

Learn more: law.emory.edu
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.

Complete your application through the Law School Admission Council at law.emory.edu/apply

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

Scan this code with your phone’s camera to find out more about the experiences of some of Emory Law’s current students and recent graduates:

“I love Emory! I have found a community of warm, passionate people striving to improve each other and our world. I am constantly impressed by my professors and enjoy learning directly from the authors of my textbooks. My biggest concern was that law school would be an uber-competitive environment, but Emory embraces community over competitiveness, allowing all of us to find our niche and be successful.”

Isabella Ryan 2SL
Financing Your Education

WOODRUFF FELLOWS PROGRAM
Emory Law awards up to four full scholarships each year as part of the Robert W. Woodruff Scholars and Fellows Program. Successful applicants demonstrate exceptional character, scholastic ability, and leadership. Nomination letters can be submitted at law.emory.edu/jdadmission. All admission applicants are considered for other merit-based scholarships.

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 or contact our Office of Admission and Financial Aid at jdadmission@emory.edu or 404-727-6802.

EMORY LAW DEGREES
» Juris Doctor (JD)
» Juris Master (JM)
» Master of Laws (LLM)
» Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD)
» Master of Comparative Law (MCL)

JOINT DEGREES PROGRAM
» 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 U.S. 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.