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## GEORGIA STATE BY THE NUMBERS

- National Jurist: No. 4 Best Value School and cited for outstanding Trial Advocacy, Public Interest, Taxation and Diversity programs
- U.S. News Rankings: Top 30 percent of America's Best Law Schools; No. 6 Health Law Program and No. 14 Part-Time Program, No. 30 for clinical programs
- Business Insider: No. 38 among top 50 schools in America







## You've got what it takes.

Are you ready to turn your legal aspirations into real world experience?

At Georgia State Law, our students and some 5,000 alumni in 48 states make an impact in the lives of others. By working together and across disciplines we both preserve and invigorate the law. No matter the area of interest, Georgia State lawyers are making a difference.

Employers value the skills and professionalism nurtured at Georgia State Law—the ability to think critically and creatively, to analyze a complex problem to present a sustainable solution, and an appreciation for giving back to our community.

Students choose Georgia State Law for its welcoming and supportive faculty and staff, an engaged network of alumni and boundless opportunities for practical experience and mentoring in all areas of the law.

Our tuition rate allows you to graduate with a fraction of the debt that most young lawyers experience, and our employment rate remains strong because our students learn the practical skills they need to succeed in their careers.

At Georgia State Law, you get practice, value, access and support, the tools you need to succeed from day one.

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Thirty-five years ago, Georgia State University opened a law school to provide a flexible, accessible legal education in downtown Atlanta. Today, the college is transforming the landscape of our community with a dedicated facility for the College of Law.

Our home, at 85 Park Place, features 23 state-of-the-art classrooms, multiple courtrooms of various sizes and configurations, including a 230-seat appellate courtroom for training and special events, including the Supreme Court of Georgia oral arguments. The top two floors house the Law Library, featuring quiet and collaborative workspace, as well as an outdoor terrace, café and reading room.

Learn more at [building.law.gsu.edu](https://building.law.gsu.edu).





## Welcome

Congratulations on your acceptance to Georgia State Law. We are excited for you to see what awaits you at 85 Park Place. With experiential academic programs, a state-of-the-art facility and world-class faculty with an impressive range of talents, the stage is set for you to thrive and find your passion.

You will find Atlanta is a great place to call home, with not only numerous legal opportunities at every level of business and government, but with plenty to satisfy your nonacademic interests as well. We take pride in our integrated environment with teaching both substantive law and practical legal skills against the backdrop of our fine city.

As a Georgia State Law graduate, you can look forward to joining a flourishing community of some 5,000 alumni in all areas of law, business, government and public service. Our bar passage rate is consistently strong. Our alumni have earned a reputation for excellence and making an immediate impact after graduation.

Welcome to our community.

*Kelly Cahill Timmons*

Kelly Cahill Timmons

Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Associate Professor of Law

### CLASS PROFILE FOR FALL 2016

Total Applicants	2,115
Enrolled	206
Average Age	26
Men	110 (53%)
Women	96 (47%)
Minority Enrollment	56 (27%)
Part-time students	34
Full-time students	172

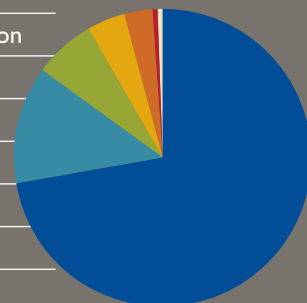
PERCENTILE	LSAT	GPA
25%	155	3.20
Median	158	3.41
75%	160	3.61

### AT A GLANCE

Bar Passage Rate	July 2016 – 82.6%
	February 2016 – 82.1%
	July 2015 – 87.5%
Student–Faculty Ratio	8.6 to 1
Full-Time Faculty	72

### CLASS OF 2015 JOBS: 9 months after graduation

- J.D. Required 73% \*
- J.D. Advantage 12.2%
- Professional 6.6%
- Unemployed seeking 4.1%
- Graduate studies 3.1%
- Non-professional 0.5%
- Unemployed not seeking 0.5%



\* Includes one graduate with deferred start employment date

*"The law school is in the middle of Atlanta. We are close to the capitol, courthouses and many prestigious law firms. With networking being so important, it is nice to be able to interact with members of the legal community no matter where I go. I've been in a coffee shop talking about law school and wound up networking with partners from a law firm."*

**Caroline Mayson** (J.D. '18)  
Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia  
Undergraduate Institution: Wellesley College



Siri Yellamraju (J.D. '16) celebrates with classmate Brock Perry (J.D. '16) at the annual Swearing-In Ceremonies for alumni.


*"The faculty at Georgia State Law are our greatest asset. They truly get to know students on a personal level and are invested in helping us succeed in our careers. They have open door policies and are some of the most interesting people I've ever met. Their hobbies range from yoga to medieval history to off-roading, and they are still revolutionizing the practice and study of law every day."*

**Siri Yellamraju** (J.D. '16)  
Corporate Counsel, Medside Healthcare  
Undergraduate Institution: Georgia Institute of Technology

# THE STATE







*"Law school is challenging. The benefit of a legal education is great, but your student loan debt shouldn't be. With competitively low tuition, Georgia State University College of Law allows its students to focus on the exceptionally diverse academic program—externships, clinics, extensive course offerings—not the woes of student loan debt."*

**Steven Williams** (J.D. '17)  
Hometown: Montgomery, Alabama  
Undergraduate Institution: Morehouse College

# GEORGIA LAW ADVANTAGE

**The curriculum at Georgia State Law integrates theory and practice, giving you a hands-on experience while allowing you to take advantage of numerous opportunities in the legal profession.**

Our downtown Atlanta location means that classrooms, courtrooms, businesses and government entities are concentrated and accessible to our students. Top-notch faculty members help you develop the knowledge and the skills you need to practice law successfully after graduation. That's the Georgia State Law advantage.

Georgia State Law offers an innovative curriculum that blends skills with legal theory to meet the needs of our students and reflect the growing reach of technology. We build on the foundational areas of the law with flexible programs and electives that cover virtually all aspects of public and private law.

In the first year, you will take Civil Procedure, Contracts, Criminal Law, Property Law, Torts and our Lawyering: Foundations course. Through these courses, you will satisfy legal writing and research requirements and gain a foundation for future legal study.

In your second and third years, you will choose from a wide array of elective courses that allow you to tailor your education to your interests. Whether your future endeavors center on Criminal, Civil, Public or Private Law or a combination, you will find a wide variety of classes to fit your curiosities.

Learn more at [law.gsu.edu/curriculum](http://law.gsu.edu/curriculum).

Our flexible program allows you to choose the pace that suits your needs. Through accelerated study, students can complete their degree in as few as two and a half years, while the part-time program allows additional time for working students to complete their studies.



*“Georgia State Law places a heavy emphasis on practice-based learning. Without this focus and thoughtful guidance from professors and the administration, I would not enjoy the many relationships forged along the way or the confidence I have in practice today.”*

**Robert Watts** (J.D. '14)  
Associate, Jones Day  
Undergraduate Institution: University of Georgia



*"Georgia State Law has provided me with lots of opportunity to gain practical experience. Through externships, networking events, exercises in legal writing and research along with valuable feedback, I feel confident that I am well trained and prepared for life after law school."*

**Jessica Williams-Vickery** (J.D. '18)  
Hometown: Lawrenceville, Georgia  
Undergraduate Institution: Abilene Christian University

# Practice



# Hands-On Learning at Georgia State Law

## Bankruptcy Assistance & Practice

The Bankruptcy Assistance and Practice Program allows second- and third-year students to work with Atlanta Legal Aid Society and low-income Georgians facing debt crisis, foreclosure and bankruptcy.

### The Pro Se Assistance Project (P.A.P.)

Volunteer bankruptcy attorneys and students provide free legal guidance through 20-minute consultations to individuals representing themselves in proceedings.

## Capital Defender Clinic

The Office of Georgia Capital Defenders accepts second- and third-year students to assist attorneys in all aspects of preparing indigent clients' death penalty cases for trial in each phase of the case.

## Fundamentals of Law Practice

Learn practice skills and ethical decision-making through simulating the work of a small, general practice law firm in Fundamentals of Law Practice. Course work includes simulation exercises and actual client representation in domestic violence cases.

## Health Legislation and Advocacy

This two-semester clinic examines the process by which legislation is enacted into state law—including drafting, legislative organization and procedure, ethics and lobbying, and the appropriations process. Students work with a community partner organization or agency on upcoming proposed health-related legislation in the Georgia General Assembly.

## HeLP Legal Services Clinic

The HeLP Legal Services Clinic represents the low-income families of children receiving health care services through Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Students work with clinical faculty and a variety of partners—including medical schools, social workers and public health educators—to hone skills in client interviewing and counseling, case management and other advanced aspects of health related cases.

## INNOVATIVE PRACTICE-BASED CURRICULUM

*Lawyering: Foundations focuses attention on writing, problem-solving and advocacy skills. In your second year, you'll build on these skills in Lawyering: Advocacy, a hands-on litigation course that develops the skills needed in representing a client from the initial interview to discovery and pre-trial motions, and throughout the trial process.*

## Investor Advocacy Clinic

The Investor Advocacy Clinic trains students in arbitration, negotiation and mediation as they work with investors who have suffered losses resulting from broker misconduct and cannot secure private legal representation because of the size of their claim. Students also provide smart investment education to the public.

## Landlord – Tenant Mediation Clinic

Students mediate landlord/tenant disputes and other disputes, including cases handled in the State and Magistrate courts; particularly small claim civil issues such as disputes between neighbors, consumers and businesses and creditors and debtors.

## Law Volunteer Clinic for Veterans

The Law Volunteer Clinic for Veterans provides free legal assistance to student veterans at Georgia State. Volunteer attorneys assist veterans with most legal issues including veterans benefits, divorce, wills, landlord/tenant and discharge issues.

## Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic

The Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic is a partnership with Atlanta Legal Aid Society's Disability Integration Project. Inspired by advocacy based on the Supreme Court case Olmstead v. L.C., the clinic and participating students help clients obtain the assistance they need to live at home instead of in an institution.

## Philip C. Cook Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

Students provide legal representation to low-income individuals during the post-audit stage of their disputes with the Internal Revenue Service. The tax clinic provides professional skills and substantive training on filing status, credits and exemptions, immigration status and collection issues.

## Transactional Assistance & Practice Program

The Transactional Assistance and Practice Program allows students to represent nonprofit organizations referred by the Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta in a variety of transactional and corporate legal problems.

## Urban Fellows

Urban Fellows is an interdisciplinary initiative of the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, connecting graduate students from Georgia State and Georgia Institute of Technology's School of City and Regional Planning to scholars and leading professionals to study and discuss issues related to urban growth.

# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

By The Numbers

1 Volunteer Clinic  
1 Urban Fellows Program  
6 Clinics

6 Practice-Based Courses  
9 Simulation courses  
75+ Externships



*"Georgia State Law's Externship Program provided me with the unique opportunity to work with clients and attorneys that I wouldn't have had access to otherwise. It was rewarding not only in an educational capacity, but a professional one as well."*

**Susan Griffiths** (J.D. '17)  
Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia  
Undergraduate Institution: University of Alabama



## Externships

The Externship Program places law students with more than 70 government agencies, nonprofit organizations and judges in Atlanta in virtually every area of the law. You will receive academic credit for work done under the supervision of practicing attorneys and judges at pre-approved externship sites.

### SAMPLE OF EXTERNSHIP SITES

- ACLU of Georgia\*
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Offices of District Attorneys, Solicitors & Public Defenders
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Federal Highway Administration
- Georgia Health Association\*
- Internal Revenue Service
- Southern Environmental Law Center\*
- Southern Center for Human Rights
- Summer IP Program in Washington, D.C.
- U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission

\*denotes sites for part-time students

As you prepare to practice law, you'll find a wide range of purposeful and practical learning experiences at Georgia State Law. You can choose from externships and clinical courses to apply classroom theories and skills in the world of practice. [law.gsu.edu/externships](http://law.gsu.edu/externships)







Regardless of which option you choose, as a Georgia State Law student, you are embarking on a world class legal education where all programs are taught by distinguished faculty.

Whether you just graduated from college, took a few years off, have been working in another field for several years or are returning to the work force after a family, military or other hiatus, we can help you get the best legal education through multiple programming options.

Our electives, externships, student organizations and support programs are available to all students across all programs.

## Degree Programs

**J.D. Juris Doctorate**

**LL.M. Master of Laws**

### Other Degree Options

Dual degrees with Georgia Institute of Technology and within Georgia State University are available for law students seeking interdisciplinary study. Selected coursework in each program satisfies requirements in the other. Dual programs are offered with:

#### Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

- J.D./M.P.A.: Master of Public Administration

#### Honors College

- B.A./B.S./J.D.

#### J. Mack Robinson College of Business

- J.D./M.B.A.: Master of Business Administration; choose a focus area of management, e-commerce, computer information systems or marketing
- J.D./M.P.A.: Master of Professional Accountancy
- J.D./M.S.H.A.: Master of Science and Health Administration
- J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A.: Master of Business Administration and Master of Health Administration

#### School of Public Health

- J.D./M.P.H.: Master of Public Health

#### College of Arts and Sciences

- J.D./M.A.: Master of Art in Philosophy

#### Georgia Institute of Technology

- J.D./M.C.R.P.: Master of Science in City and Regional Planning

Learn more about the College of Law's J.D. and dual degrees at [law.gsu.edu/degrees](http://law.gsu.edu/degrees)



## Advocacy and Co-Curriculars

### TRIAL ADVOCACY

Our required Lawyering: Advocacy course offers an intensive skills training experience for all phases of the pre-trial and trial process. Students will conduct a jury trial to complete the course.

### MOOT COURT AND MOCK TRIAL

Students may compete in moot court and mock trial competitions across the nation and abroad while refining their advocacy skills. Learn more about these programs at [law.gsu.edu/stla](http://law.gsu.edu/stla) and [law.gsu.edu/mootcourt](http://law.gsu.edu/mootcourt).





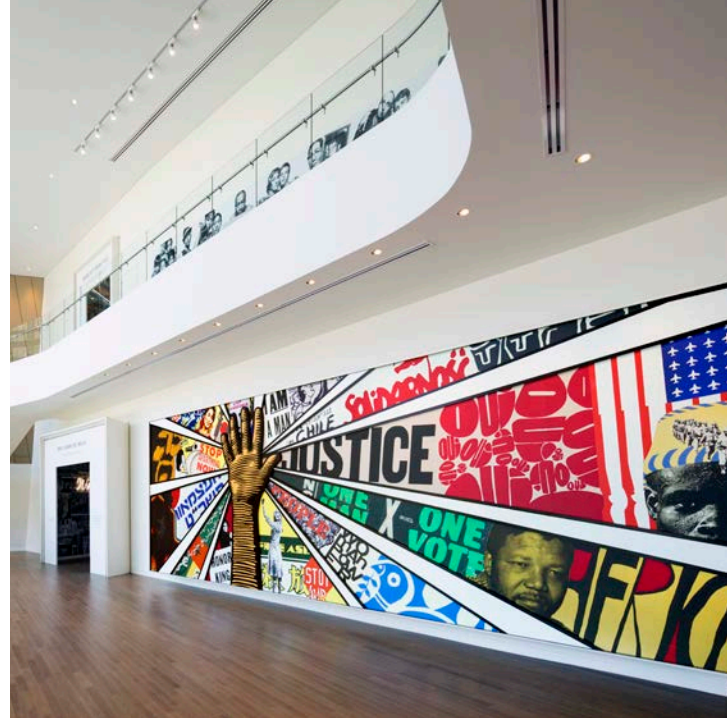
#### THE LAW REVIEW

The *Georgia State University Law Review* publishes four times a year and holds an annual symposium. Members contribute to legal scholarship while encouraging local engagement through the Peach Sheets initiative, a legislative history of the Georgia General Assembly. Learn more at [law.gsu.edu/lawreview](http://law.gsu.edu/lawreview).

#### PRO BONO RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Georgia State Law encourages students to develop legal expertise and professional networks through pro bono work. Students who work in the community are recognized at graduation with pro bono distinction. Learn more at [law.gsu.edu/probono](http://law.gsu.edu/probono).





# Atlanta

Within the heart of one of the nation's premier international cities, we truly have



An urban city lifestyle mixed with Southern charm provides a unique and incomparable atmosphere. Home to world class sports teams, the south's best dining, a thriving movie industry and busiest passenger airport, the capitol of the South is the place to be.

Georgia State Law is at the center of it all. Our students can walk to the state Capitol, as well as state and federal courthouses and government agencies. Our location allows easy access to transportation throughout the city's main attractions and eclectic neighborhoods.

Come see what Atlanta has to offer!



**the ability to challenge and refine the legal education.**

#### AREA ATTRACTIONS

- Alliance Theatre
- APEX Museum
- Atlanta Botanical Garden
- Atlanta Cyclorama and Civil War Museum\*
- Atlanta History Center
- Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum
- Center for Puppetry Arts
- CNN Center
- College Football Hall of Fame
- Fernbank Museum
- Fox Theatre
- Georgia Aquarium\*
- Georgia World Congress Center
- High Museum of Art
- The Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site
- National Center for Civil Rights
- Six Flags over Georgia\*
- Stone Mountain Park\*
- World of Coca-Cola
- Zoo Atlanta\*

#### SHOPPING

- Atlantic Station
- Buckhead
- Lenox Square
- Little Five Points
- Phipps Plaza
- Virginia Highland

#### SPORTS

- Atlanta Braves\*
- Atlanta Dream
- Atlanta Falcons
- Atlanta Hawks\*

#### AREA PARKS

- Atlanta Beltline
- Centennial Olympic Park
- Central Park
- Candler Park
- Freedom Park
- Grant Park
- Hurt Park
- Inman Park
- Piedmont Park
- Woodruff Park

\* Discount tickets available for Georgia State University students.





#### AREA BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

- American Cancer Society
- Arthritis Foundation
- AT&T
- Boys and Girls Clubs of America
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- CARE
- Coca-Cola Co.
- Delta Air Lines
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Aviation Agency
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- Genuine Parts Co.
- Habitat for Humanity
- The Home Depot
- Internal Revenue Service
- Newell Rubbermaid
- Securities and Exchange Commission
- Southern Co.
- SunTrust Banks
- Turner Broadcasting and CNN

- UPS
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Regional Solicitor

#### LEGAL INSTITUTIONS

- American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia
- Atlanta Legal Aid Society
- Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation
- Cobb County District Attorney's Office
- Cobb County Public Defender Office
- Cobb County Solicitor's Office
- DeKalb County Superior Court
- DeKalb County District Attorney's Office
- DeKalb County Public Defender Office
- DeKalb County Solicitor's Office
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Federal Defender Program
- Fulton County District Attorney's Office
- Fulton County Public Defender Office
- Fulton County Solicitor's Office
- Fulton County Superior Court
- Georgia Asylum & Immigration Network

- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Georgia General Assembly and State Capitol
- Georgia Innocence Project
- Georgia Lawyers for the Arts
- GreenLaw (Georgia Center for Law in the Public Interest)
- Gwinnett County District Attorney's Office
- Gwinnett County Public Defender Office
- Gwinnett County Solicitor's Office
- Health Law Partnership
- LAMBDA Legal Defense and Education Fund
- Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta
- Rockdale County District Attorney's Office
- Southern Center for Human Rights
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- Southern Environmental Law Center
- U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th District
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia



# Georgia State Law's Research Centers

Located in the heart of the Southeast's busiest city, Georgia State Law's myriad centers work to improve the community, region and world around them.

## Atlanta Center for International Arbitration and Mediation

Atlanta Center for International Arbitration and Mediation coordinates the development of model dispute resolution protocols and legislation, convenes thought leaders in the field of dispute resolution and augments the college's academic offerings in international law and alternative dispute resolution. [atlciam.org](http://atlciam.org)

## Center for Access to Justice

The center was created to shine a light on the specific obstacles to access facing lower-income people in the South and to convene regional stakeholders — including academic, legal practitioners, government actors, and other policymakers — committed to increasing access to justice. [law.gsu.edu/A2J](http://law.gsu.edu/A2J)

## Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth

The center brings together a professional network of lawyers, planners and engineers who are committed to finding sustainable answers to urban growth challenges. Research and programming focuses on urban planning, land use, water rights and other aspects of environmental law, and provides special

opportunities for students to participate in comparative study programs in Brazil and other partner institutions around the world. [law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth](http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth)

## Center for Intellectual Property

An engaged alumni advisory board of intellectual property practitioners partners with college faculty and community leaders to develop programs for mentoring, scholarships, writing competitions and job fairs for students interested in pursuing intellectual property. [law.gsu.edu/ip](http://law.gsu.edu/ip)

## Center for Law, Health & Society

The Center for Law, Health and Society guides the college's No. 4 ranked health law program and aims to improve public health through engaging educational programs, advocacy and community outreach initiatives. The center advances the key role that law plays in promoting the health of individuals, families and communities. [clhs.law.gsu.edu](http://clhs.law.gsu.edu)

## Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

The consortium is an inter-institutional, multidisciplinary program for the development of theory and practice in conflict management and resolution. The group provides resources to communities like the Ombuds Network of the University System of Georgia and to practitioners of restorative justice. [law.gsu.edu/cncr](http://law.gsu.edu/cncr)

## International Programs

Compare alternate legal systems and societal challenges around the world. Study abroad options include the Summer Academy in International Commercial Arbitration in central Europe, the International Perspectives on Urban Law & Policy in Turkey and the Summer Legal Study in Rio de Janeiro.

## National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism

The institute is a consortium of seven centers of research on ethics and professionalism that sponsors several workshops throughout the year, and maintains the International Forum on Teaching Ethics and Professionalism, a database of resources for ethics professors, scholars and practitioners. [law.gsu.edu/niftep](http://law.gsu.edu/niftep)

*The College of Law's Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth's course, International Perspectives on Urban Law & Policy, travels to different countries each year over spring break to experience how metropolitan areas tackle the challenges posed by an extremely dense urban environment when planning for disasters.*





# Value



*"The professors at Georgia State Law take pride in educating tomorrow's lawyers. Georgia State Law has created a rich, high-value classroom experience that is affordable and unparalleled throughout the country."*

**Wes Moore** (B.A. '14, J.D. '18)  
Hometown: Stockbridge, Georgia  
Undergraduate Institution: Georgia State University



## Estimated Expenses

### Based on 2016-17 figures

Tuition and fees are subject to change.

#### GEORGIA RESIDENTS GOING FULL TIME

Tuition and Fees:	\$16,858
Books and Supplies:	\$1,500
Living Expenses:	\$12,410 *
Transportation:	\$2,070
Total:	\$32,838**

#### GEORGIA RESIDENTS GOING PART TIME

(Based on nine hours)

Tuition and Fees:	\$13,204
Books and Supplies:	\$1,500
Living Expenses:	\$12,410 *
Transportation:	\$2,070
Total:	\$29,184**

#### NON-GEORGIA RESIDENTS GOING FULL TIME

Tuition and Fees:	\$36,456
Books and Supplies:	\$1,500
Living Expenses:	\$12,410 *
Transportation:	\$2,070
Total:	\$52,436**

#### NON-GEORGIA RESIDENTS GOING PART TIME

(Based on nine hours)

Tuition and Fees:	\$27,910
Books and Supplies:	\$1,500
Living Expenses:	\$12,410 *
Transportation:	\$2,070
Total:	\$43,890**

\* Costs may vary based on personal choices

\*\* Loan fees are not included in total cost and vary based on the amount of individual loans

## Financial Aid

Major sources of funding that may be available include: scholarships, tuition waivers, federal loans and private educational loans.

Scholarships and tuition waivers are merit based and administered within the College of Law.

For more information on aid programs and eligibility requirements, visit [sfs.gsu.edu](http://sfs.gsu.edu).

## Scholarships, Awards and Tuition Waivers

All students, once accepted for admission to the College of Law, are considered for appropriate scholarships and tuition waivers. Tuition waivers are based on academic achievement and include student employment such as graduate research and teaching assistantships. For a full list of scholarships and available tuition waivers, visit [law.gsu.edu/scholarships](http://law.gsu.edu/scholarships).

## Fees

In addition to tuition, Georgia State charges student fees each semester that are used to implement a variety of programs. As of Jan. 1, these fees total \$1,121 per semester. They may change in the summer.

## Financing Your Legal Education

TUITION	FULL TIME	FULL TIME	PART TIME	FEES
	PER SEMESTER	PER YEAR	PER CREDIT HOUR	PER SEMESTER
Resident	\$7,308	\$14,616	\$609	\$1,121
Nonresident	\$17,107	\$34,214	\$1,426	\$1,121

## Applying for Federal Financial Aid

The first step is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This form is available beginning the first week of January each year and should be completed online as early as possible at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). The priority deadline is **Saturday, April 1**.

- Submit FAFSA
- Submit verification documents if requested
- Look for award notice through PAWS
- Complete Master Promissory Note
- Complete Entrance Loan Counseling

Note: Financial aid is disbursed after the first week of classes. Excess aid is refunded to a student's account two weeks after class begins. Also, tuition and fees are subject to change.



THE MINDFULNESS PROGRAM provides weekly sessions where law students can come and learn relaxation and stress-relief techniques, helping them address anxiety and learn how to ignore distractions and improve their focus and attention. Weekly yoga classes go hand in hand with the program, by providing benefits like lowering stress, anxiety and impatience while increasing focus and body awareness.



# Support



## A STRONG SUPPORT SYSTEM

The College of Law creates opportunities for every student to develop his or her potential for professional success so you can make the most of your time with us.

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM

The Academic Success Program provides assistance in selected required classes to help students avoid or overcome academic difficulty. Faculty members lead skill-building workshops, while student tutors follow up with small group review. The program is designed to follow first-year coursework, so students learn study and research skills in context.

## FACULTY ADVISEMENT

Every first-year student is matched to a faculty advisor during orientation to help them make the transition into law school, assist them in planning future class schedules and guide them toward appropriate services and support.

## MENTORING PROGRAMS

Student organizations like the Student Bar Association offer mentoring programs that match participating students with an upperclassman who shares tips and answers questions about classes, job searches, classroom success strategies and law school in general.

## PERSONAL LIBRARIAN

Our exceptional law librarians have developed a program that connects first-year students with a reference librarian to assist with legal research questions throughout your law school career. Your appointed librarian can help with research difficulties or specific research and citation requests, and provide instruction on legal research tools and resources.







# Career

*"Getting connected with Career Services gave me the insight and skills I needed to put my best foot forward as a future attorney. Amy McCarthy's instrumental guidance helped me attain a golden opportunity; a summer associateship as a Diversity Fellow at King & Spalding."*

**Gracie Studdard** (J.D.'18)  
Hometown: Locust Grove, Georgia  
Undergraduate Institution: University of Georgia



## Career Services

The Office of Career Services is of great value to both students and alumni, providing instruction, tools and resources for them to become and remain competitive candidates. Visiting speakers and guest career counselors supplement the office's regular offerings, which include resume and cover letter workshops, networking events, on-campus interviews and general career guidance.

Learn more about Georgia State Law's placement data for the last six years at [law.gsu.edu/CSO](http://law.gsu.edu/CSO).

Throughout the year, events like the Mock Interview Program help students hone their presentation skills before they begin interviewing for job placements.



Career Services offers the following employment and concentrated services:

### SPRING AND FALL RECRUITMENT

Businesses, judges, government agencies, organizations and large and small firms visit campus in the spring and fall for on-campus interviews.

### JOB FAIRS

Georgia State Law is affiliated with and offers students access to numerous other job fairs in specialty markets and practice areas throughout the year. Students meet prospective local, regional and national employers.

Each summer, the college also holds the largest IP-focused job fair in the region, the Southeastern Intellectual Property Job Fair. Learn more at [sipjf.law.gsu.edu](http://sipjf.law.gsu.edu).

### JOB POSTINGS

Year-round employment opportunity listings including part-time, summer, temporary and full-time positions are posted online and promoted through regular email communications to students and alumni.

### S.H.A.R.P.

The Solo/Small Firm Hiring Assistance and Recruitment Program gives students a chance to get hands-on legal experience by working on paid, short-term research assignments and projects with solo practitioners, small firms and other employers.

### MENTOR-SHADOW PROGRAM

This program matches you with attorneys working in your area of interest, and allows you to spend time and work together with the mentor-attorney in his or her work environment.





Things that make Georgia State Law

Unique



## Librarian

A personal librarian is assigned in your first year to assist you with legal research questions throughout your legal education career.

## 11

Georgia State Law offers 11 degree options including 9 dual degrees, the J.D. and the LL.M..

## Law Library

It is the official library of the Supreme Court of Georgia and provides services to legislative offices and government agencies.

## 445

The new Law Library has 445 seats and 27 study rooms.

## 29

Georgia State Law offers 29 externships for part-time students and more than 75 total.

## 25

There are more than 25 student organizations. Each group organizes socials, networking events and public service projects for its members.

## Peach Sheets

The *Law Review* compiles the only legislative history, the Peach Sheets, for the Georgia General Assembly.

## Downtown

Georgia State Law is the only law school in downtown Atlanta within walking distance of federal, state and local courts, government agencies and several nonprofit organizations.

## Only One

Georgia State Law is the only law school in the world with an affiliated dispute resolution center.

## Best Value

Georgia State Law is the No. 1 Best Value School in a metropolitan area and the No. 4 Best Value School overall.

## Serving Students

Our Law Library has established the ALERT program and the Student Advisory Council to better facilitate communication with students.  
[lawlibrary.gsu.edu](http://lawlibrary.gsu.edu)

## 8.6:1

Georgia State Law has one of the lowest student-faculty ratio in the state at 8.6:1.









## A Leading Research University

Named one of the country's most innovative universities, Georgia State is an integral part of the downtown Atlanta cityscape, bringing diverse students and faculty from across the world with varied interests, skills and backgrounds. As the university has grown in size and scope, so have campus facilities along with other services.

When you become a student at Georgia State Law, you have access to everything the university has to offer including Panther athletics and intramural teams, the Rialto Center for the Arts, the Student Recreation Center and more.



### STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

- climbing wall
- racquetball and squash courts
- basketball court
- game room with billiard tables, board games, table tennis and darts
- work-out areas for cardio and weight training
- lap and leisure pool
- spa and dry sauna
- large studios for aerobic, dance, and martial art fitness classes, sports clubs, and intramural programs

### UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

- more than 1.5 million volumes
- 8,000 active serials
- more than 24,000 media materials
- access to electronic periodical and resource
- more than 14,000 electronic journals
- 30,000 e-books

### THE RIALTO CENTER FOR THE ARTS

- theatre, dance, spoken word performances
- music performances, including jazz, blues, rock, classical and world arts
- home to a variety of cultural organizations and host to numerous public and private events
- serves as the primary performance venue for School of Music large ensemble concerts, and the choral, jazz, brass and percussion ensembles

### CINEFEST

- student-run movie theatre located on Georgia State campus in the University Center
- Georgia State students, faculty and staff attend showings for free

### PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Georgia State strives to provide parking and transportation options that fit your budget, as well as support cleaner air and reduced traffic congestion in downtown Atlanta.

**Vehicles:** Parking decks and lots are available around campus for cars and motorcycles. Monthly unlimited passes and per-park budget permits are available. A valid permit is required for parking in university lots and decks. Discounted permits and charging stations are available for students driving electric cars.

**Mass transit:** Discounted MARTA cards are for sale at Auxiliary Services. There is easy access to three MARTA stations—Peachtree Center, Five Points and Georgia State—and numerous bus stops.

**PantherExpress:** Free shuttles move students to and from off-campus parking lots and around campus.

Learn more about university services and facilities at [services.gsu.edu](http://services.gsu.edu).





## CHECK LIST: Get Connected!

### ☐ 1. RESERVE YOUR SEAT

Reserve your seat by ensuring Georgia State receives your \$150 tuition deposit by **Saturday, April 15.**

### ☐ 2. EMAIL + PAWS

Activate your Georgia State student email address at [law.gsu.edu/admits/email](http://law.gsu.edu/admits/email).

### ☐ 3. LAWFUL PRESENCE

Verify your citizenship or legal residency in the U.S. Learn more at [law.gsu.edu/admits/lp](http://law.gsu.edu/admits/lp).

### ☐ 4. IMMUNIZATION FORMS

Submit an immunization form to the Office of Immunizations, 141 Piedmont Ave., Suite D, Atlanta, GA 30303, by **Friday, June 30**, prior to class registration. You cannot be registered without the completed form: [law.gsu.edu/healthforms](http://law.gsu.edu/healthforms).

Questions? Call the immunization office at **404-413-1940.**

### ☐ 5. FINAL TRANSCRIPT

An official degree-conferring undergraduate transcript must be requested and sent directly to LSAC. Your transcript must be received by **Monday, Aug. 7.**

### ☐ 6. CLASS VISITS

To schedule a visit, email Sarah Lathrop (J.D. '13) at [slathrop1@gsu.edu](mailto:slathrop1@gsu.edu).

### ☐ 7. PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

For more information about parking, MARTA and shuttle services, visit [parking.gsu.edu](http://parking.gsu.edu).

### ☐ 8. FINANCIAL AID

To apply for financial aid, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Check your FAFSA status at [paws.gsu.edu](http://paws.gsu.edu) after **March 1.**

Questions? Contact Justin Henley at **404-413-2384** or [jhenley@gsu.edu](mailto:jhenley@gsu.edu).

A listing of scholarships, awards and tuition waivers is available at [law.gsu.edu/scholarships](http://law.gsu.edu/scholarships). All accepted students are considered for scholarships.

### ☐ 9. ORIENTATION

Orientation is **Monday–Wednesday, Aug. 7–9.** Attendance is mandatory, unless excused for extraordinary circumstances by the associate dean for academic affairs.



*"Not only has Georgia State Law prepared me for work in my new job at Alston & Bird, but it is a place where I feel at home. With numerous resources and networking opportunities all I had to do was show up and take advantage."*

**Monique Mead (J.D. '18)**  
Hometown: Newnan, Georgia  
Undergraduate Institution:  
Georgia Institute of Technology

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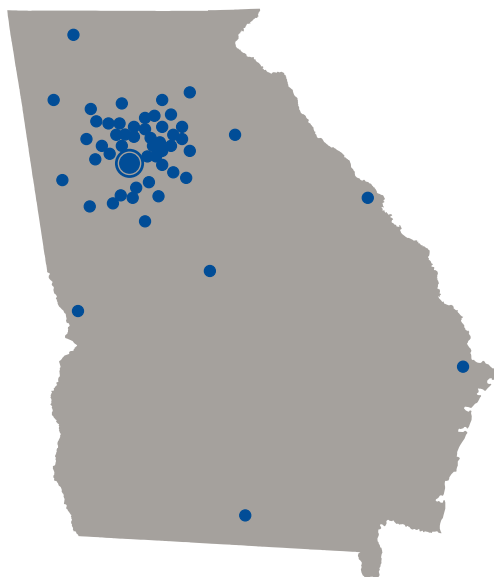


## Our Alumni Network

A Georgia State Law education allows our students the ability to pursue their passions in the profession after graduation whether it is through major firms to small firms, businesses or corporations, public service or striking out on their own.

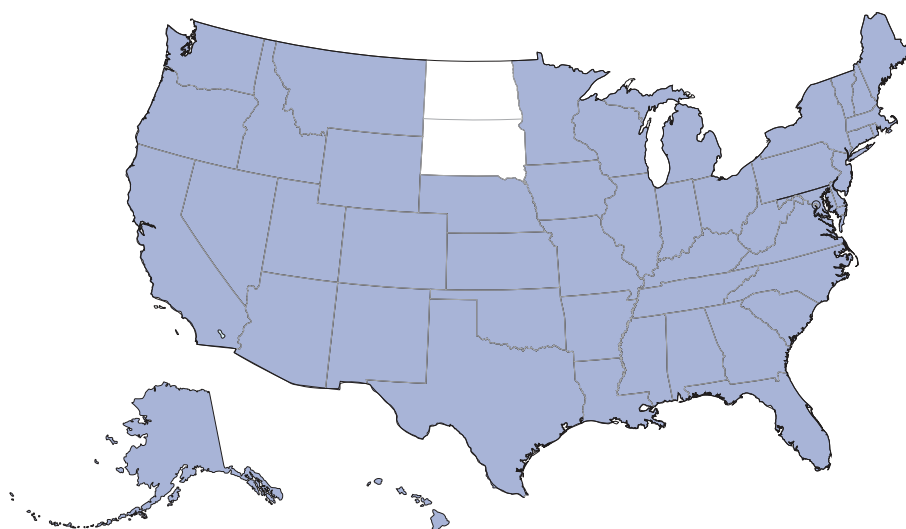
Our Georgia State Law alumni:

- are employed by small to large locally owned firms in Atlanta, including Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers; Bovis Kyle & Burch; Carlock Copeland & Stair; Drew Eckl & Farnham; Taylor English Duma and Weissman Nowack Curry & Wilco.
- work at major firms throughout the southeast, including Alston & Bird; Arnall Golden Gregory; Hall Booth Smith; Kilpatrick Townsend; King & Spalding; McKenna Long & Aldridge; Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart and Troutman Sanders.
- serve in government agencies at the federal, state, county and city levels.
  - 3% state agency employees
  - 4% federal agencies
  - 22 in the military
- are working in court systems at the federal, state and local levels, including 20 with the federal courts and 46 with the state courts.
- hold positions in small and large businesses and corporations, including AT&T; The Coca-Cola Co; Cox Communications; Ernst & Young; PricewaterhouseCoopers and UPS.
- make a difference in their communities through nonprofits, including the American Civil Liberties Union; Legal Aid Societies and community foundations.
- serve in churches or religious organizations.
- work in education, including universities, local schools and their elected boards.



*"Cathy Henson (J.D. '89) is one of the easiest people to talk to. She is approachable and obviously invested in the students she supports. She is a terrific resource."*

**Michelle Namer** (M.A.T. '11, J.D. '17)  
Catherine Henson Scholarship Recipient  
Undergraduate Institution: Georgia Institute of Technology





# The Fine Print

## ADMISSIONS DISCLOSURE

The College of Law admitted you based upon your certification that your application materials are complete and accurate.

If you have omitted anything or any information changes, you must amend your application immediately. This obligation shall continue until you graduate from the College of Law. Misrepresentations may result in the invalidation of your application, revocation of admission, discipline under the College of Law Honor Code, report to the LSAC or bar authorities and/or other actions.

Pay close attention to Questions 3 and 4 on the Character and Fitness section of your application, and the Criminal Certification following Question 4.

Note: All moving violations must be disclosed; only parking tickets are exempt.

## GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Georgia State University is an equal opportunity educational institution. Faculty, staff, and students are admitted, employed, and treated without regard to race, sex, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability. Georgia State University complies with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, Sections 503/504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act, as well as other applicable federal, state and local laws.

## ABA CHARACTER AND FITNESS STATEMENT

Applicants are required to provide the ABA-accredited College of Law with information about their academic and personal background, including criminal history. The failure to answer any such questions fully and honestly may adversely affect one's application or result in actions, up to and including revocation of admission.

Every American jurisdiction in which you may practice law after graduation from law school requires each applicant for admission to the bar to meet character and fitness requirements as a condition of eligibility for admission. You are encouraged, as you go through the law school application process and before you enter law school, to determine the requirements of the jurisdiction(s) where you intend to practice law.

If you are uncertain where you will practice law, you may wish to review the Standard NCBE Character and Fitness Application, titled Request for Preparation of a Character Report, of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, which is used by a number of jurisdictions' bar admission authorities. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available at [ncbex.org](http://ncbex.org).

Complete information about Georgia's character and fitness rules, as well as bar exam and admission procedures, may be found at [gabaraadmissions.org](http://gabaraadmissions.org). Students applying for admission in states other than Georgia are encouraged to review the specific admissions requirements of those states.

## SACS ACCREDITATION

Georgia State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, master's, education specialist's, doctorate and professional degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Georgia State University.



## Fall 2017

Aug. 7–11	Orientation and classes begin for first-year students
Aug. 14	Fall classes begin for all law students
Sept. 4	Labor Day; university closed
Oct. 10	Midpoint (nonhardship withdrawal deadline)
Oct. 11	Evaluations open on PAWS for Research Methods only
Nov. 1	Spring Registration Opens
Nov. 7	Evaluations for all other courses open on PAWS
Nov. 20–23	Thanksgiving Break; no classes; university open
Nov. 24–26	Thanksgiving Break; university closed
Nov. 27	Last day of classes; extra Monday to make up for Labor Day
Nov. 28	Makeup classes
Nov. 29	Reading Day / Evaluations close on PAWS
Nov. 30–Dec. 14	Examinations
Dec. 16–Jan. 2	Winter break; university closed
Jan. 10	Semester grades due
Jan. 26	Official fall graduation date
Jan. 29	Letters to Georgia Bar for fall graduates

## Spring 2018

Jan. 2	University open
Jan. 8	Spring classes begin
Jan. 12	Last day to drop or add a class
Jan. 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day; university closed
Feb. 27	Midpoint (nonhardship withdrawal deadline)
March 12–16	Spring Break; no classes
April 4	Summer registration opens
April 11	Fall 2018 registration opens
April 10	Evaluations open on PAWS
April 23	Last day of regular classes; extra Monday to make up for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
April 24	Makeup classes
April 25	Reading Day/Evaluations close on PAWS
April 26–May 10	Examinations
May 11	Hooding Ceremony and Graduation
June 5	Spring grades due





At Georgia State Law, you don't just learn the law—YOU PRACTICE IT.