think: law
The legal world has changed.

So have we.

National and global changes in the past decade have redefined the legal profession, opening up new areas of practice and a vast spectrum of opportunity for the well-trained legal mind.

Be ready.

Case Western Reserve’s innovative curriculum responds to this evolving legal world—and equips our students to do the same. Our emphasis on experiential learning throughout all three years of law school produces graduates who are well-prepared to adapt to the rapidly changing legal profession.

Welcome.

We invite you to join our vibrant community, and take your place in shaping the future of this dynamic profession.
BY THE NUMBERS

101 internship placements in 41 countries
23 exchange and concurrent degree programs on five continents
24 student organizations

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8th Best in Public Interest Law
PreLaw Magazine, 2018

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JD/MSSA (Social Work)
JD/MD (Medicine)
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Surpass expectations.

What do prospective employers expect in this new legal environment? We asked them. Conversations with more than 70 hiring partners, CEOs, and other leaders provided a precise picture that can be summed up in three words:

Practice-ready graduates.

Employers seek graduates who combine traditional lawyering strengths—critical analysis, understanding of precedent and theory, mastery of verbal and written communication—with non-traditional skill sets: leadership ability, interpersonal skills, and the confidence and acumen that result from hands-on experience.

Preparation is everything.

We designed our curriculum to prepare our students to enter the workplace ready to excel. Our unique LLEAP sequence hones essential skills in: Legal writing, Leadership, Experiential learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism. And every CWRU student sharpens those skills through three years of real lawyering experience. The National Jurist puts us at #15 in the country in the 2018 “Best Law Schools for Practical Training” rankings.
You’ll have opportunities to join faculty-mentored teams assisting real clients. Professional experience is part of every student’s training. Basic core coursework will include:
- Civil Procedure
- Contract Law
- Criminal Law
- Law, Legislation, and Regulation
- Property
- Torts

You’ll begin our unique LLEAP sequence, honing essential skills in: Legal writing, Leadership, Experiential learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism. And you’ll have the opportunity to take electives in your first year.

You’ll build professional skills in legal settings over the summer, through positions in law firms, and dedicated internships in non-profit and international organizations. We also have more than 20 spots in our Federal Judicial Externship Program reserved exclusively for first years.

Build on the first year’s core courses and begin classes that cover key bar exam subjects:
- Business Associations
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Evidence
- Sales
- Secured Transactions
- Wills

You’ll continue the LLEAP sequence. You can enroll in several labs where you’ll work on cutting-edge legal issues. And you can immerse yourself in a chosen area of concentration:
- Business Law
- Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Criminal Law
- Health Law
- International Law
- Law, Technology & the Arts
- Public Interest Law

Theory, coursework, and practice experience come together after your second year in your Capstone: two to eight months of intensive legal work requiring subject knowledge, practical skills, and professionalism. Your capstone might be in an externship setting or in one of our in-house clinics, or be a self-designed opportunity; it may be in the U.S. or abroad. This singular extended immersion in the profession is the culmination of your law school experience.

You’ll also finish core courses and electives, and conclude the LLEAP sequence with advanced skills classes. Alternatively, you can spend your third year abroad at one of our partner universities while concurrently earning an LLM degree with no additional cost.
Beyond the classroom:

Immersion in the profession throughout your three years will take you to legal settings in Cleveland, across the nation, and around the world. We provide high-quality, hands-on experiences to ensure that you graduate prepared and experienced.

Student teams handle real cases for community members at our on-campus Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic. The range of casework includes intellectual property, consumer fraud, civil rights, human trafficking, immigration, mediation, health law, elder and disability law, and criminal cases. Clinic students log hundreds of hours of pro bono legal services here.

Our Judicial Externship Program puts students to work for federal judges over the summer, providing an on-the-ground view of the judicial system as well as elective course credit.

Stipends and grants support work experience across the U.S. and in dozens of countries with global organizations such as the World Bank and the United Nations; we are one of the few U.S. law schools to offer a full semester’s credit for interning abroad.
Externships are many and varied.
Here are just a few examples:
- Access to Justice/Legal Aid
- Cleveland Clinic, MetroHealth Medical Center, Summa Health System, University Hospitals of Cleveland
- Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Browns, Cleveland Cavaliers
- Department of Education Office for Civil Rights
- Federal Public Defender
- Hospital and Corporate General Counsel Offices
- International tribunals and organizations
- State Attorney General’s Offices
- U.S. Attorney’s Offices

Competitions test your skills.
Our students enter competitions across the nation and around the world, with noteworthy success.

Moot Court and Mock Trial
- Advanced to the National Finals of the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition.
- Won Best Brief Award and top 10 Oralist in the Regional Round of the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and advanced to the International Rounds.
- Won an honorable mention for Individual Oralist (out of 1,500) in the William Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna.

Writing Competitions
- 2018 Law360 Distinguished Legal Writing Award Winner.
- Placed second in the National Health Law Writing Competition.
- Won the William K. Thomas American Inn of Court’s Excellence in Writing Award.
- First place in the National Sports Law Student Writing Competition.

My experience at Case Western Reserve Law was the perfect preparation for my position as a Judicial Law Clerk on the U.S. Court of International Trade. The personalized instruction I received in writing and research courses, as well as the experiences I gained as an editor for the school’s Journal of International Law allowed me to develop research, writing, and analytical skills that I use daily. The school also facilitated my internship and externship positions at the International Trade Centre, the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, and the Special Court for Sierra Leone. I graduated with a diverse and well-rounded resume, a wide array of legal skills, and a rich network of fellow legal practitioners, all of which served me well in my first job as an attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Chief Counsel and at my current position as an Associate at Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, one of the nation’s leading international trade law firms.
Collaborators and friends

We’re a lively, cohesive community with a preference for collaboration over competition. We deliberately keep our entering class size small to maintain the feel of an intimate, friendly environment. There’s a shared passion for the law, and a spirit of cooperation among students, faculty, and alumni, all eager to assist your success. You’ll join a legal family that will last a lifetime.

Team with peers on one of our student organizations to extend your network and participate in a rich range of programs and activities:
- American Constitution Society
- Asian Law Student Association
- Big Buddies
- Black Law Students Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Corporate Finance and Law Alliance
- The Docket (student run newspaper)
- Federalist Society
- Hispanic Law Students Association
- Intellectual Property Law Association
- International Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Lambda Law Students Association
- Law for the Environment, Animals and Food
- Moot Court Board
- National Security Law Society
- National Lawyers Guild
- Public Interest Law Fellowship
- South Asian Law Students Association
- Sports & Entertainment Law Society
- Street Law Program
- Student Bar Association
- Student Health Law Association
- Women’s Law Association

We are among the best and most innovative programs in:
- Experiential Education
- Health Law
- International Law
- Law, Technology & the Arts
- Public Interest Law
Health law

NEW KNOWLEDGE

Our 5th-ranked health law program offers students an unparalleled opportunity to learn from top experts in this fast-growing field. Genetic engineering, reproductive rights, electronic health records, end-of-life decisions, and health care regulation are just a few of the profoundly complex issues at the intersection of law and medicine.

We’re uniquely poised to support your health law studies and career. Our faculty leads in both scholarly reputation and practice experience. We tap into tremendous university resources: a top-25 ranked medical school, with more than 2,000 faculty, hundreds of millions of dollars in research, and renowned programs in health policy and bioethics.

We are one of the only cities in the country to have two nationally ranked hospitals according to U.S. News & World Report: The Cleveland Clinic is ranked #2 overall and University Hospitals is top ranked in multiple adult and pediatric speciality areas.

Charlie
Fields JD ’02

When I think back on my time at Case Western, I have warm memories of the friendships I made and the personal growth I achieved. Case Western’s faculty and staff did not just teach me to think like a lawyer, but how to question and challenge the world around me. The analytical skills I honed at Case Western, along with the health law coursework, helped prepare me for the non-traditional career path I took. I began my career with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) working on various Medicare policy areas. I left CMS to work for Gorman Health Group, a leading consulting and software solutions firm specializing in government health programs, where I now serve as General Counsel.

Internships

Exceptional summer internships for students interested in health law abound. Some examples:

- American Association for Advancement of Science
- American Health Lawyers Association
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- Cleveland Clinic
- Ministry of Legal Affairs (Roseau, Dominica, West Indies)
- National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences
- Physicians for Reproductive Choice & Health
- St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
- Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities
- U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Office of Inspector General
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- University Hospitals, General Counsel’s Office
- Vermont Medical Society
Born and raised in Cleveland, my dream to one day work in Hollywood often seemed impossible. However, by continually reaching out to the school’s network of alumni, I was able to foster relationships that have helped me in every step of my career—from my legal internship at IMG to my current position as a Vice President of Business Affairs for Warner Bros. Television. Currently, I am the business affairs executive for the following television shows: Legacies (The CW), Riverdale (The CW), Roswell (The CW), Splitting Up Together (ABC), The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina (Netflix), Supergirl (The CW) and Madam C.J. Walker (Netflix).

“A great formula to having a fulfilling and enjoyable career is to pair your passion with your education. I’ve always loved television and working as a negotiator in the television industry has been a remarkable experience.”

Rebecca Gilbert Weisberg JD ’12

Our IP Clinic has represented 20 start ups this year

“Handle hot properties. IP Venture Clinic students helped chemical engineering student Felipe Gomez del Campo file a patent and develop commercialization plans for his breakthrough plasma-based fuel-efficient jet engine design—an invention that was lauded by the White House and pitched to the Shark Tank investors.”

Law, Technology & the Arts

REPRESENTING ENTREPRENEURS, INVENTORS, AND ARTISTS

Opportunities for a deep dive into intellectual property (IP) law are inexhaustible on this campus—over the past year, students in our IP Venture Clinic have represented more than 20 local start-up ventures and students in our Patent Pro Bono Program have engaged with over 30 local inventors.

Our Fusion certificate program brings law students, management students, and graduate science students together to support science and engineering invention. The partnership creates a multidisciplinary team to assess, develop, and protect early-stage technologies that have potential for commercialization.

In the IP Venture Clinic, law students apply these skills to identify, patent, cultivate, and protect intellectual property; they also apply corporate and securities law to structure a transaction to launch an early-stage venture.
International law

ADVANCING GLOBAL JUSTICE

Our world-renowned international law program, ranked 14th in the country, makes global experience available for every student seeking a career in international business law or public international law. In the past five years, over 100 students have interned/externed in 41 countries, and more of our students (138) have interned at international tribunals than students from any other U.S. law school.

We have more than two dozen faculty who are experts on issues ranging from war crimes to international tax, from national security to cyberlaw. Professors not only teach these topics, but also connect their students with the people pioneering the legal work in practice.

Each year, the Cox International Law Center awards grants to defray travel and living expenses for 20–25 summer internships, semester externships, and post graduate fellowships. International placements range from War Crimes tribunals to international organizations such as the World Trade Organization, the United Nations, the Human Rights Council, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the World Health Organization, and Interpol.

“An internship at the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia launched my international legal career. A postgraduate judicial clerkship at the Constitutional Court of South Africa followed.”

Christopher Rassi JD, MBA ’03

In the years since graduating, I’ve worked on international trade and transactions at a large firm (Thompson Hine, LLP) in Cleveland and D.C., and served in Chambers and the Office of the President at the Rwanda Tribunal in Arusha, Tanzania, and in the Office of the Prosecutor at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in The Hague. I am currently Senior Executive Officer and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Geneva, Switzerland. Along the way, I married an international defense counsel from Australia, and we now live with our children on the shore of Lake Geneva.
Leading scholars

Our faculty is ranked 32nd in the nation in scholarly impact, and their passion for teaching and mentoring law students is unmatched. Expect accessibility and a genuine commitment to helping you get the most out of your law school years.

Our faculty come to know their students exceptionally well and actively assist them with summer placements and jobs.

Global litigator

Juscelino Colares teaches international business law and international environmental law. He serves on the U.S. Roster of NAFTA Chapter 19 (Trade), his research explores the inter-jurisdictional issues that emerge when regulatory law conflicts with international trade.

Healthcare rights champion

B. JensSie Hill teaches constitutional law and civil rights. She has argued precedent-setting cases and publications, like the New York Times regularly seek her perspective on major federal court decisions. Her particular expertise involves religious and reproductive rights, and she serves as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
Legal ethicist

Cassandra Robertson teaches civil procedure, professional responsibility, and international civil litigation. Her focus is on legal ethics and litigation procedure within a globalizing practice of law. She directs the Center for Professional Ethics.

Legislative pundit

Jonathan H. Adler is the director of the Center for Business Law & Regulation. He is the author of seven books and is one of the most cited professors in the country, often quoted by the New York Times and the Washington Post. He teaches courses in legislative regulation, environmental, administrative and constitutional law.
Perfectly situated

University Circle: a splendid concentration of more than 40 arts, cultural, and educational institutions surrounding the green spaces of Wade Oval. This is our neighborhood. The Cleveland Museum of Art, the Cleveland Botanical Garden, the Natural History Museum, and the Museum of Contemporary Art are just a few of your options for exploring, escaping, and recharging—all only steps away from campus.

A slew of restaurants, cafes, shops, and entertainment venues are within blocks, including the law students’ traditional local tavern: The Happy Dog/Euclid Tavern (be there on Thursdays for Law School Faculty/Student Band performances). Nearby neighborhoods of Uptown, Coventry, Cedar-Fairmount, and Little Italy multiply your options and provide convenient affordable housing, too.
Take the cultural concentration of University Circle and add: three professional sports teams providing year-round thrills; Playhouse Square, the nation’s second largest theater district; the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; Chef Michael Symon’s Lola, the historic Warehouse District, the beaches on the shores of Lake Erie...

and you’ll understand why students love living and studying in Cleveland.

Corporate headquarters, world-renowned health care institutions, and an impressive list of law firms, including large international firms as well as dozens of midsize firms, provide countless internship, externship, and job opportunities for our law students and grads.
Prepare to excel.

Our Career Development Office, which includes experienced lawyers, works closely with students to help them obtain permanent employment. The combination of well-prepared students and experienced staff results in an over 90 percent employment rate 10 months after graduation for the past two years.

Hope Lu JD ’13

Every part of my legal education at Case Western helped prepare me for practice. From the coursework in my pretrial and appellate practice classes to participating in the Federal Judicial Externship Program, I gained invaluable practical experience that helped me develop the legal thinking necessary to work at a large law firm, as a federal judicial clerk, and now as Senior Counsel at the New York City Law Department. From the professors who recommended me for job opportunities and prepared me for the bar exam, to the friends I made in law school who are now my colleagues, Case Western was the perfect choice for me.
Alumni across the country and around the world actively assist our students and graduates with career advice, shared connections, and job offers. They know and value our students’ exceptional practical skills and work experience.

A few of our distinguished alumni include:

- **Nan Aron ’73**
  Founder and President of the Alliance for Justice

- **Mohamed Ibn Chambas ’84**
  Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa

- **Rear Admiral (ret.) Janet Donovan ’83**
  Head of the U.S. Navy Reserve Judge Advocate General’s Corps (2012–2016)

- **Austin T. Fragomen, Jr. ’68**
  Founder of nation’s largest immigration firm

- **Fred Gray ’54**
  Famed civil rights attorney

- **Martin Gruenberg ’79**
  Chairman of the FDIC (2011–2018)

- **Patty Inglis ’77**
  Executive Vice President of the San Francisco 49ers

- **Ambassador Capricia Marshall ’90**
  Chief of Protocol of the United States (2009–2013)

- **Barry Meyer ’67**

- **Hon. Kathleen O’Malley ’82**
  Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

- **Mark Weinberger ’87**
  Global Chairman & CEO of EY (formerly known as Ernst & Young)

Over the past three years (2015–2017), our graduates applied their education in:

- **49%** Law firms
- **15%** Government
- **93%** Bar Pass Rate #1 in Ohio July 2017
- **21%** Business / Industry
- **7%** Public Interest
- **91%** of graduates employed or pursuing a graduate degree within 10 months (Class of 2017)
- **6%** Judicial Clerkships
- **2%** Academia
Join us.
We invite you to visit our website at law.case.edu—take a virtual tour of the law school and investigate the many advantages we enjoy as an integral part of a large urban research university. Then come to campus and get to know us better. Stroll the marvelous University Circle neighborhood. See your future in the law starting here.

In order to help our students with the financial challenge of attending law school, we offer substantial merit-based scholarships. Business Insider ranks us 5th in the nation for best financial aid. We are eager to meet you and answer your questions.

Jessica Berg and Michael Scharf
Co-Deans

Dean Jessica Berg has an MPH in addition to her JD and is also a Professor of Bioethics and of Public Health. Previously, she worked at the American Medical Association. Her research focuses on public health, informed consent, human subjects regulation, confidentiality, reproduction, end-of-life care, and e-medicine. In 2008, she was named “Health Policy Researcher of the Year” by the Health Policy Institute of Ohio.

Dean Michael Scharf is also Director of the Law School’s Frederick K. Cox International Law Center. Prior to entering academia, he served as Attorney Adviser for United Nations Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. He is co-founder of the Public International Law and Policy Group, a Nobel Peace Prize–nominated NGO. He has authored 18 books, including three that have won national book awards, and he is the host of a foreign policy radio program on Cleveland’s NPR station.

Admissions
Our application is available now. There is no application fee if you apply online. All Regular Decision deposits are non-refundable and are required of all entering students. We strongly recommend that you secure information about the character and other qualifications for admission to the bar in the state(s) in which you intend to practice law before beginning law school.

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