

THE LAWYERING PROGRAM

The law school offers an unusually comprehensive range of course offerings. Typically, more than 100 courses

are taught each year. In addition to providing the full range of traditional courses, the law school affords students the opportunity to choose from among an exciting array of distinctive and innovative offerings. Students may take courses in legal theory, jurisprudence, and legal history which provide a perspective on the legal system. Other courses, such as Antitrust, Health Law, Sports Law, Cyberlaw, and Intellectual Property, allow students to gain understanding of a particular area of the law.



Educational Program

Rutgers encourages students to pursue their interests intensively by progressing from basic courses to advanced integrative experiences. Numerous client-centered and simulation courses in the upper level curriculum enable students to develop litigation and lawyering skills. Students with a particular interest in criminal law, for example, begin with Criminal Law and proceed to courses such as Criminal Practice, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Trial Advocacy. An advanced course in Criminal Practice guides students through all stages of a criminal case, from initial interviews to appeal, with students representing the government and the defendant.

Students interested in business law can take foundation courses such as Business Organizations, and Corporate Taxation, intermediate courses such as

Securities Regulation, Commercial Law: Intro to UCC, Transactional Document Drafting, Business Planning, Business Torts, International Business Transactions, and then participate in advanced simulation or clinical courses. In Small Business Counseling, students provide legal representation to members of the community who need assistance in setting up a business.

The law school also offers an unusually broad array of courses in public interest law. Basic course work includes Administrative, Employment Discrimination, Domestic Violence Law, and Health Law. Public interest law electives are numerous and include Civil Rights, Elder Law, First Amendment, International Protection of Human Rights, Poverty Law, and Social Welfare Law and Policy.

In international law, courses are offered in a myriad of legal topics such as Foreign Relations, International Law, War, and Terrorism, and International Environmental Law. International business courses with a significant lawyering component are also offered such as International Business Transactions, International Commercial Arbitration, International Sales, International Trade Regulation, and International Litigation. Students each year travel to Vienna, Austria, to compete in the International Commercial Arbitration Competition.

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Legal research, writing, and lawyering skills are emphasized throughout the curriculum. Each first-year student participates in a full-year course in legal research, writing, and advocacy. Many foundation courses such as Civil Procedure and Business Organizations have problem-solving and drafting components. Each student, as a requirement of graduation, must complete three upper-level courses with significant writing components and must complete a lawyering skills course.

An outstanding Externship Program offers third-year students the opportunity to work with federal and state judges, public agencies, and public interest organizations and to share their experiences with faculty members and fellow students in a clinical seminar. Other third-year students participate in the Civil Practice Clinic, a live client clinic housed in the law school, representing elderly and disabled clients in a wide variety of legal matters, including social security disability cases, landlord-tenant disputes, consumer fraud actions and small business counseling.

Opportunities for students to hone their oral advocacy skills are available through the annual Hunter Advanced Moot Court Program, a highlight of the upper-level curriculum, and the national moot court competitions in labor, international, criminal, and other areas of the law.

Students may pursue their legal studies in the full-time day program as well as the part-time program, available day or evening. The full-time program requires six semesters of study, the part-time program is completed in eight semesters plus one summer session. Both programs are subject to the same admission and academic

standards and are taught by the same faculty.



Dean and Professor of Law Rayman Solomon with students.

student-edited law journal dedicated to the interaction of church and state on a global scale. Students interested in policy may participate on the **Journal of Law and Public Policy**.

At Rutgers-Camden students also edit the **Rutgers Law Journal**, a publication devoted to critical discussion of current legal problems. Issued quarterly, it includes lead articles by practitioners and scholars as well as student contributions in the form of notes and case comments. One issue of the journal each year is devoted to a symposium on state constitutional law. Students may also participate on the **Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion**. This Journal is the first online

Dual-Degree Program

Interested students may spend a year at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in order to meet the requirements of dual degrees in public affairs and politics and law. Other Rutgers University dual-degree programs are offered in urban planning in conjunction with the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, in business administration with the Camden MBA Program or Graduate School of Management in Newark, in public administration with the Camden Graduate School, in social work with the School of Social Work, as well as a JD/MD or JD/DO with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and a JD/MPH with their School of Public Health. Upon approval of the faculty, students may also pursue ad hoc dual-degree programs within Rutgers University or with other institutions, leading to the award of a Juris Doctor and a master's or doctoral degree.



Assistant Dean for Pro Bono Programs Eve Biskind Klothen and student participants.

Pro Bono Program

The law school's active pro bono program has many goals: to serve the needs of the surrounding community, with a focus on poor and underrepresented populations, and to establish a pattern for future professional involvement in community service. The pro bono program is also designed to complement the externships, law clinics, and lawyering skills courses in the curriculum to assist students in developing fundamental lawyering skills, and a majority of the law school's scholarships have a public interest requirement.

Offering their developing legal skills to the community gives students an opportunity to work with legal practitioners, the courts, and the public and to share in the excitement of helping clients who might not otherwise have any legal assistance. Rutgers students have an opportunity to participate in a wide range of pro bono activities, including the Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project, the Community Dispute Resolution Committee (CDRC), the Domestic Violence Pro Bono Project, The Immigration Pro Bono Project, the Pro Bono Research Project, the Defender Project, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Project, the Election Protection Project, the Financial Literacy Information Project, the Street Law Project, and the Children's SSI project (to assist disabled children). Students are placed in agencies in South Jersey and Philadelphia, such as the Aids Law Project of Philadelphia, the Homeless Advocacy Project of Philadelphia, Women Against Abuse, South Jersey Legal Services, and the Community Health Law Project.

Activities

Law students participate in a wide range of activities that enhance their academic experience. Student organizations are numerous and include the **Student Bar Association and Women's Law Caucus**, along with associations for every major interest group and most nationalities. Rutgers additionally offers active intramural programs in various sports for men and women. The gymnasium provides facilities for tennis, racquetball, squash, and basketball. A wellness center is in the planning stages.

Career Planning

The Career Planning Office is a full service career counseling and resource center with four full-time dedicated staff members, computer databases and a career library to assist students in achieving their career goals. Each year nearly 200 national and regional law firms and agencies interview second- and third-year students for summer and permanent employment through on-campus interview programs and job fairs. The Career Planning Office also sponsors numerous career-related workshops and programs, as well as a mentor program that matches students with practicing attorneys. As a result of the quality of legal education at Rutgers, for the last five years, the school has averaged an impressive employment rate of over 94% in the legal profession after graduation. The law school ranks second in the nation at placing its graduates in highly desirable federal and state judicial clerkships.

Admissions

The faculty Committee on Admissions considers all aspects of an applicant's file in rendering an admission decision. The candidate's undergraduate grade point average (UGPA), major, course selection, institutions attended, and date of graduation are all considered. The LSAT score, personal statement, community involvement, work experience, letters of recommendation, the writing sample of the LSAT and, if pursued, performance in graduate or other professional studies, are also reviewed in the selection process. For the entering class of 2008, half of the class scored in the top quartile (160-170) of all LSAT takers, and the median GPA was 3.3.

The entering class size each fall is about 220 students (175 full- and part-time day and 45 part-time evening). Beginning December 1 through July 1, completed applications are accepted and reviewed. First-year students should submit applications by April 1 for enhanced consideration. Applications received after that date are considered only for open seats. The law school prospectus provides additional information regarding admissions.



Admissions Office, Rutgers Law School.

Costs

Tuition for the 2008-2009 academic year is \$20,860.00 for New Jersey residents and \$31,054.00 for out-of-state residents. Part-time New Jersey resident tuition is \$864.00 per credit; non-resident tuition is \$1,294.00 per credit, with student fees of \$1,165.45 full-time and \$631.25 part-time per semester.

Financial Aid

In the 2007-2008 academic year over \$18 million was distributed to law students through fellowships, grants, loans, and employment. The average financial aid package was approximately \$25,763.00, with 89% of the student body receiving some form of assistance. The Federal Direct Loan Program, the largest financial aid program, provided over \$16.4 million to over 685 students in the last academic year. For fall consideration, the FAFSA should be submitted by March 1. Merit-based scholarships are also available for outstanding academic performance.



Distinguished Professor Jay Feinman in class.

Faculty

The law school faculty is engaged in a dynamic program of scholarship, teaching, and service to the bar and community. The faculty has authored leading casebooks and treatises in health law, international law, commercial law, constitutional law, criminal law, family law, civil procedure, and admiralty. Faculty scholarship has been cited by numerous courts including the United States Supreme Court and the New Jersey Supreme Court. Faculty members serve as consultants and reporters for the American Bar Association, the American Law Institute, and several federal and state commis-

sions, and are counsel in important public interest litigation. Also, many faculty members are engaged in innovative teaching enterprises that are designed to enhance students' educational experiences at the law school. The full-time faculty of 40 is assisted by six research and writing instructors, 60 adjunct professors, and five clinical staff members, bringing to teaching a wide range of legal experience in the judiciary, government and private practice.

Alumni

The law school's alumni are leading members of the bench and bar in public and private practice settings throughout the nation and abroad. Among distinguished Rutgers alumni are two governors of the state of New Jersey, numerous federal and state judges, federal and state legislators, a former U.S. ambassador, legal services directors, and leaders of the private bar. Approximately 8,700 alumni are practicing in 50 states, the District of Columbia, the United States Virgin Islands, and Guam, as well as foreign countries such as Australia, Austria, Canada, France, Hong Kong, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Oman, Panama, Palau, Peru, South Korea and the United Kingdom. Alumni remain an active part of the law school community, serving as adjunct faculty members and mentors for presently enrolled students. The Alumni Association also supports scholarship programs, career insight panels, social, educational and networking activities.

The Students

The law school seeks national and international representation within the student body. Currently 30 states and four foreign countries are represented in the total enrollment of the law school which numbers approximately 750, of which 600 are full-time students and 150 are part-time students. The present student body represents some 225 undergraduate institutions. Students of color represent about 20% of the student body and women represent 41% of the total enrollment.



Students in Moot Court.

Location

Located in the city of Camden, New Jersey, the law school is a major presence on the Rutgers University campus. The campus includes the law school and law library building, the business and science building, college center, science building, Walt Whitman International Poetry Center, Paul Robeson Library, gymnasium, two residence halls and a fine arts building which houses an art gallery, studios, classrooms and a 750-seat theater. Many of the buildings on campus are newly renovated.



Adventure Aquarium and Philadelphia skyline, Camden waterfront.

The Susquehanna Bank Center at the Waterfront, an indoor/outdoor concert venue, the Adventure Aquarium, the USS Battleship New Jersey, the newly renovated, historic "Victor" building with its upscale apartments, the new RiverLINE rail system, and Campbell Field (the minor league baseball stadium), just a few blocks from the law school, are centerpieces for the ongoing development of Camden's waterfront. Camden, which is the county seat, has federal and local courts adjacent to the law school.

The law school campus is just at the base of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge leading to Philadelphia. Philadelphia offers world-class resources alongside historic



Mitchell H. Cohen U.S. Courthouse, Camden, NJ.

charm. The neo-classic Academy of Music, the Mann Music Center, the 21,000-seat Wachovia Center, and numerous venues in between bring a whole range of performances in music, ballet, opera and theater to the area. Sports fans will find plenty to cheer about as Philadelphia is home to the Eagles, Phillies, 76ers, and Flyers.

The famous Jersey shore with miles of beaches and Atlantic City is just one hour away. In just under two hours students can venture to New York

City, Baltimore, Annapolis, Bucks County and the Pine Barrens. Washington, D.C. can be reached in three hours. For the rugged, Fairmount Park in Philadelphia, the country's largest inner-city park, offers some of the best mountain biking on the East Coast, and skiers can delight in the close proximity of numerous ski resorts in the Poconos. The entire Delaware Valley abounds with events and features which should pique the interest of any law student.

Facilities

The Law School opened the doors to its exciting new law school building in 2008. The 53,000 square foot addition with its magnificent courtroom and lobby almost doubles the size of the existing law building. The \$40 million construction project has created state-of-the art classrooms, multiple seminar rooms and expanded space for student organizations and social life at the law school. The law library contains more than 445,000 bibliographic units in book and microform. The Rutgers law library is also a leader in the use of computers in legal research.

The air-conditioned and carpeted residence hall has 62 apartments: 50 four-bedroom (one student per room) and 12 two-bedroom (two students sharing each bedroom). Four students share common space in each furnished unit consisting of a living room, kitchen and dining area, and bathroom. For the 2008-2009 academic year, leases are \$7,494 for nine months and \$8,858 for a year, including utilities. Abundant housing opportunities are available in the nearby suburbs or in Philadelphia, made more convenient by an excellent public transportation system.



Students on bridge in Law Library.

Further information and applications may be obtained by contacting the admissions office at:

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1-800-466-7561 or 856-225-6102

Fax 856-969-7903

To request an application or complete and forward your application on-line, please visit our home page at: <http://www-camlaw.rutgers.edu/>

The law school is approved by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.



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Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, to make the benefits and services of its educational programs available to students, and to provide equal employment opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment, regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, veteran status, and any other category protected by law. The Rutgers University Policy Prohibiting Discrimination and Harassment can be viewed at: <http://policies.rutgers.edu/PDF/Section60/60.1.12-current.pdf>. Questions concerning student rights violations should be addressed to Donald C. Heilman, Director, Compliance and Assessment (732-932-7109 or dheilman@echo.rutgers.edu). Questions concerning harassment or employment discrimination should be directed to Jayne M. Grandes, Director, Office of Employment Equity (732-932-3020 ext. 4030 or grandes@rutgers.edu). For complete text, see the office's web site at <http://uhr.rutgers.edu/equity>.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a Federal Law prohibiting discrimination based on sex in education programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. Title IX covers all programs of a college or school that receives financial assistance academics, extracurricular and athletics. Students with inquiries concerning compliance not associated with intercollegiate athletics should be directed to Donald C. Heilman, J.D., Director, Compliance and Assessment (732-932-7109 or dheilman@echo.rutgers.edu). Title IX inquiries related to intercollegiate athletics should be directed to Kathleen Hickey, Associate Director of Athletics for Student Services and Compliance (732-445-7899 or khickey@scarletknights.com). Employees with Title IX questions should contact Jayne Grandes, Director, Office of Employment Equity (732-932-3020 ext. 4030 or grandes@rutgers.edu).



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