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NEBRASKA LAW
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The University of Nebraska College of Law has been developing leaders who impact Nebraska and the world since 1891. More than 9,000 alumni serve as public interest lawyers, lawmakers, public defenders and prosecutors, judges, and client-serving attorneys impacting lives and advancing justice. Our committed faculty and staff support our students by providing experiential learning opportunities and classroom curriculums that prepare them to lead their communities and serve with integrity.

At Nebraska Law, we:

- Think Creatively
- Listen Graciously
- Speak Thoughtfully
- Value Diversity
- Build Community
- Serve Humbly
- Act Courageously
- Work Hard
- Demand Excellence

Nebraska Law’s mission is to develop inclusive leaders who advance justice, solve problems, and serve with integrity. We believe that our mission is more important than ever in these unprecedented times, because the problems confronting our communities, governments, and world require lawyers and leaders who are prepared to face those issues skillfully and thoughtfully.

No matter your legal interests, a Nebraska Law education prepares you to improve your community and your clients’ lives, both as a lawyer and as a leader. Our students learn to focus on their strengths to optimize their unique talents and abilities. Small class sizes allow you to receive personal attention and increased opportunities to participate in activities that grow leadership skills. The quality of our education is demonstrated by outcomes such as high bar passage and employment rates, as well as through the stories of our graduates who become judges and law-makers; manage firms, companies, and non-profits; assist people experiencing life-changing difficulties; work on national and cyber security issues; and lead in countless other ways.

At Nebraska Law, we live our mission through our commitments to building an inclusive and connected community; preparing our students for a lifetime of learning, service, and ethical leadership; and solving vital societal problems. I hope you will explore the following pages to learn more about the specific ways we do this and will then be inspired to apply with us. We look forward to working with you as you put the tools in place to create a meaningful and satisfying career and, in the process, perhaps change your world for the better.

-Dean Richard Moberly
YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION BELONGS TO YOU

Our focus is on our students. Our faculty and staff are determined to help you develop a program that is flexible, unique and specialized to your passions and interests. We will guide you as you strive to reach your goals.

A Personalized Experience
You will work one-on-one with faculty and staff to create an education that prepares you to have a career working on the problems that matter most to you.

A Supportive Community
Class sizes are small enough for students to know each other and work together. Faculty know students by name and are approachable and accessible so you can get the personal attention that makes a difference in your education and your career.

A Flexible Curriculum
More than half of the credits needed to graduate are electives, so students can chart their own paths through customized curricular choices.

EXPAND YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Nebraska Law students receive a high-quality Big Ten legal education at a competitive price, resulting in graduating with low debt, the lowest in the nation last year, according to Forbes. Low debt gives you the choice to take the position you want after graduation rather than forcing you to take a less-appealing job to service high student loan payments.

We offer two kinds of scholarships to assist students with the cost of their legal education:

- **Academic scholarships** are awarded based on the combination of LSAT scores and GPA.

- **Opportunity scholarships** are awarded based on answers to questions about being a first-generation college student, hardships faced during undergraduate education, and the desire to work with underserved populations.

WE’LL PREPARE YOU FOR WHAT’S NEXT

There’s no better law school to prepare you to take your place as an inclusive leader. Follow in the footsteps of alumni who have developed as professionals through practical experience opportunities to become well-rounded in the law and leadership. Like others before you, you’ll be prepared to reach your goals and impact your community, your country, and your world.

**Odies Williams IV, ’05**
**FORMER CHIEF COUNSEL TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AT THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

Odies has served in various legal, policy and enforcement positions with the federal government in Washington, DC, most notably at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) where he was the Inspector General’s principle legal advisor. He recently left the FTC to help restart a federal investigative office in Atlanta, GA, that focuses on economic crimes impacting commerce. Odies serves as co-chair of the American Bar Association’s Civil Rights and Social Justice Section’s Committee on Privacy and Information Protection.

**Kristi Boswell, ’09**
**SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE SECRETARY AT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

After law school, Kristi Boswell spent several years as a practicing attorney before realizing her dream of influencing policy in Washington, DC. Boswell believes her legal training from Nebraska Law, and her economics and farm background, allowed her to join the DC ranks and immediately focus on agricultural labor and immigration issues—issues that are at the forefront of what matters most to farmers.
THE COMFORTS OF A CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY WITHIN A THRIVING CITY

Live – A variety of housing options are available from modern apartment living to more traditional pet-friendly houses within walking distance or a short drive from campus. Students may also opt for on-campus housing, although most law students choose to live off-site.

Play – Lincoln is known as a college town but most college towns aren’t cities of nearly 300,000. Lincoln is home to concert venues, live theatre, art galleries, sporting events, nightlife establishments, and restaurants featuring world cuisines. Plus, you can explore 130 miles of biking and running trails and venues to golf, fish, walk and kayak.

Affordable – Low cost of living plus high quality of life provides the ideal experience. Housing costs are 17% lower than the national average according to payscale.com.

Work – Lincoln is home to Nebraska’s state capitol giving students a front row seat to the lawmaking process. They testify in legislative hearings, propose new legislation, and advocate for policy change. Lincoln provides an abundance of clerkships and other employment opportunities in state and city government, firms, public interest organizations, courts, businesses and private practice.

Lincoln has a small-town feel, but offers all the activities and opportunities that come with a city. And downtown on game days is a whole new experience!

SARA OSANTOWSKI, ’21
YOUR FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

IN THE CLASSROOM
In your first year at Nebraska Law, you will take 33 credit hours designed to provide instruction in core subjects that are fundamental to legal practice. Several of your first-year courses are stretched across two semesters so you'll have the opportunity to gain a broad and deep understanding of the subjects which not only prepares you for upper-level classes, but for success on the bar exam and in the practice of law.

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OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM
You’ll begin preparing immediately, not only for your long-term legal career, but also for your student work experiences. The Career Development Office will provide you with a variety of opportunities for networking, education, and practical experience. You will work on job search skills, including resume and cover letter writing, as well as learn more about effective interviewing. Networking opportunities include employer open houses, career fairs, and wine and cheese parties with sections of the bar. In the early spring, you will be invited to participate in on-campus interviews with dozens of local and regional employers interested in hiring Nebraska Law students for paid summer work.

I’m originally from Wisconsin and chose Nebraska Law because of the tremendous work opportunities offered during the summers. I knew I would have a good chance of landing paid summer work between my 1L and 2L years, which is not the norm at other schools. At Nebraska, most students get paid summer experiences and I was no exception!

DAVID SHEA, ’19

I signed up for the mentor program hoping to get paired with a prosecutor. I was matched with an alum from the County Attorney’s Office. His guidance was, and still is, invaluable. He invited me to meet with him at his office, gave me a tour, introduced me to the attorney responsible for hiring law clerks, and took me to lunch with some other attorneys at the office. Those introductions played a part in my getting a clerkship with the County Attorney’s Office.

ISAIAH FROHLING, ’19

EXPERIENCE OUR SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

ACADEMIC SKILLS PROGRAM
You may find that study methods that worked well for you previously do not always translate to law school, which requires a kind of learning that may be new to you. Our Academic Skills Program offers non-credit instruction in such topics as Using an Outline; What to do Before, During, and After Class; and Final Exam Procedures—courses that are designed to help you transition and improve your learning outcomes.

COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)
Therapy sessions are available to enrolled students at no cost in a comprehensive short-term counseling model. Weekly group sessions are also available for law students.

MENTORING
A variety of opportunities to receive personal attention and mentoring are available to help you as a student and as a future lawyer.

• During your New Student Orientation, you’ll be assigned a faculty advisor who will guide you with advice, answer questions you may have about practice areas and law school in general, and assist you with course selection.

• You’ll have an opportunity to be paired with an alumni mentor. Your mentor can help bridge the gap between law school theory and the practice of law. Mentors also serve as sounding boards and sources of support.

• One of our student organizations sponsors a Big/Little Mentor Program which pairs interested 1Ls with upper class students to provide you with a familiar face who can offer advice on classes, clubs, activities, and how to navigate law school.
There is no definitive list of characteristics that describe all great leaders. Each of us has unique talents that we can capitalize on to lead others effectively. The law college offers programs and support to encourage each student to develop their innate talents and maximize their leadership potential.

Without an awareness of your strengths, it is almost impossible to lead effectively.

LEARN TO LEAD

STRENGTHS DEVELOPMENT

Nebraska Law is a strengths-based school that utilizes Gallup’s Clifton StrengthsFinder™ assessment as a tool for exploring and investing in your talents. You will take the assessment, which is based on over 40 years of research, to identify your unique strengths and will have the opportunity to work with strengths coaches and advocates at the law school to help you understand how your talents impact your work, leadership style, and life. Understanding and being able to articulate your talents makes you more effective at marketing yourself to employers and acing job interviews.

THE DEAN’S LEADERSHIP CLASS

Good lawyers know the law and how to apply it. But often good lawyers find themselves in leadership roles without sufficient training in how to manage or supervise people. Nebraska Law wants you to be prepared to be both an excellent lawyer and a leader. The Dean’s Leadership Class gives you an overview of leadership theory and real-world strategies for being an outstanding manager.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Build community and strengthen your leadership skills by participating in various College of Law student organizations. Each organization gives you a chance to connect with students who may share common interests or similar identities and backgrounds, or may be nothing like you at all. You’ll have the opportunity to stretch your strengths, take on leadership roles and collaborate with your peers.

Groups with a Practice Area Focus
- Environmental and Agricultural Law Society
- Global Trade and Business Think Tank
- Health Law and Ethics
- International Law Student Association
- Nebraska Family Law Organization
- Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court
- Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law Club
- Sports, Entertainment, and Business Law Association
- Student Intellectual Property Law Association

Organizations that Promote Community and Belonging
- Nebraska OUTLaw
- Armed Forces Legal Society
- Greater Nebraska Connections
- Multi-Cultural Legal Society
- Nebraska Law Strengths Advocates
- Women’s Law Caucus

Religious Organizations
- Christian Legal Society
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- St. Thomas More Society

Groups that focus on Issues and Social Problems
- Anti-Trafficking Legal Advocacy Society
- Community Legal Education Project
- Equal Justice Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- University of Nebraska Innocence Project

Political Societies
- American Constitution Society
- Federalist Society

Social Organizations
- Delta Theta Phi
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Student Bar Association

On my first day of law school, I felt alone and out of place. Those feelings dissipated when a board member of the Multi-Cultural Legal Society reached out and invited me to take part in activities where I was surrounded by students of culturally diverse backgrounds. I felt included and no longer alone. The members of the Multi-Cultural Legal Society became my “law school family” and Nebraska began to feel like my home away from home.

GENESIS AGOSTO, ’22
PARTICIPATE IN HONORARY ORGANIZATIONS

Nebraska Law Review: If you are in the top 10% of your class or successfully write your way onto Law Review, you can be part of a prestigious group of students who oversee the production of our journal of legal scholarship. Law Review provides the opportunity to work with professors and students from across the country who are publishing on current topics and legal issues.

Moot Court Board: Participate in a two-part application process to earn a spot on the board that oversees the Grether Moot Court Competition in the fall and the Allen Moot Court Competition in the spring. You may assist in the administration of competitions, serve as a teaching assistant for the 1L Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research course, or serve as a judge for oral arguments in the spring.

Competitions: Indulge your competitive spirit in the many opportunities for student competitions. Nebraska’s rich history of competition success includes six national championships in the American Bar Association’s Client Counseling Competition. Participate in one of several opportunities to compete by putting your legal skills to work in practice simulations that mirror real-life client problems:

- Allen Moot Court Competition
- Arbitration Competition
- Client Interviewing and Counseling Competition
- Grether Moot Court Competition
- Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition
- Mediation Triathlon
- National Moot Court Team Competition
- National Trial Team Competition
- Representation in Mediation Competition
CLINICS

Nebraska Law offers five clinics, which are opportunities for students to practice law with real clients and cases while benefiting from the oversight of a law professor. Students frequently report that their clinic experiences are some of the most valuable of their law school training. Our variety of clinical offerings give students chances to choose the types of legal problems they are most interested in solving. Nebraska Law Clinic students have argued cases in front of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals, the U.S. District Court in Nebraska, the Nebraska Supreme Court, the Nebraska Court of Appeals, as well as county and city courts. The clinics are housed in a three-year-old addition to the law school, giving students a beautiful setting for gaining practical experience.

Unlike traditional classes, being in the clinic allowed me to see what it was like to have my own clients that I can represent in my own way. This gave me not only real-world experience, but also a preview of what it would be like to become a first-year attorney rather than a law student or clerk. The clinic was the most valuable thing I’ve done in law school.

ANDY HUYNH, ’19

Each clinic provides unique opportunities to work with a variety of cases and clients and offers you opportunities for hands-on experience helping real-world clients solve their legal problems.

**Children’s Justice Clinic:** Students participating in the Children’s Justice Clinic serve as guardians ad litem in the Lancaster County Juvenile Court, functioning as advocates for the legal needs of young children. Participants focus on courtroom skills, federal and state child welfare laws, as well as child development and trauma.

**Civil Clinic:** In operation since 1975, the Civil Clinic handles a variety of cases in an array of practice areas, including family law, bankruptcy, and advance directives. This clinic represents low-income clients and serves seniors and veterans.

**Criminal Clinic:** Nebraska Law offers one of the few prosecution clinics in the country, giving students a first-hand look at how the government puts together a criminal case. Students who participate in the Criminal Clinic will work at the local prosecutor’s office handling misdemeanors and low-grade felonies.

**Entrepreneurship Clinic:** Providing legal advice and representation to start-up business clients, the E-clinic helps develop skills needed to practice transactional law through working on early-stage legal matters for new businesses such as entity formation, protection of intellectual property, and contracts.

**Immigration Clinic:** Such matters as deportation defense, asylum cases, and family-based immigrant cases are handled by students working in the Immigration Clinic. Students learn to interview clients, prepare pleadings and briefs, and appear in County and District Courts as well as Immigration Court.
After your 1L coursework is complete, you will enjoy the benefits of Nebraska Law’s flexibility and broad curriculum, which gives you options for tailoring your education to meet your specific needs. More than half the credits you’ll need to graduate are elective, giving you tremendous flexibility.

**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**
- Advocacy in Mediation
- Arbitration
- Mediation
- Negotiations

**BUSINESS & CORPORATE**
- Business Associations
- Business Planning
- Clinical Practice: Entrepreneurship
- Construction Law
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions
- Corporate Tax
- Employee Benefits Law
- Entertainment Law
- Insurance Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Law
- International Taxation
- Introduction to Federal Contract Law
- Partnership Tax
- Principles of Federal Appropriations & Fiscal Law
- Securities Regulation
- Special Topics in International Trade
- Sports Law
- Unfair Competition

**COMMERCIAL**
- Antitrust & Trade Regulations
- Bankruptcy
- Electronic Commerce
- Regulation of Banks & the Fintech Industry
- Sales & Leases
- Secured Transactions

**CONSTITUTIONAL**
- Constitutional Law I
- Constitutional Law II
- Constitutional Problems
- Criminal Procedure
- Education Law
- Federal Courts
- Native American Law
- Privacy Law
- State & Local Government

**CRIMINAL**
- Capital Punishment
- Clinical Practice: Criminal
- Criminal Procedure
- Human Rights & International Criminal Law
- Juvenile Law
- Topics in Law & Psychology

**EMPLOYMENT & LABOR**
- Education Law
- Employee Benefits Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Employment Law
- Immigration Law
- Labor Law
- Worker’s Compensation

**ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL RESOURCES**
- Agricultural Law
- Environmental Law
- Land Use Planning
- Natural Resources Law
- Water Law & Policy

**FAMILY**
- Clinical Practice: Children’s Justice
- Family Law
- Family Law Practice
- Family Mediation
- Juvenile Law

**HEALTH CARE**
- Mental Health Law

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**
- Copyright Law
- Cyberlaw
- International Intellectual Property Law
- Patent Law
- Patent Practice & Innovation Management
- Unfair Competition

**INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE**
- American Foreign Relations
- Arms Control: Problems of Law & Technology
- Comparative Law
- Export Control: International Traffic in Arms Regulation
- Forced Migration: Refugee & Asylum Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Cyber Security: Crime, Mischief, & Warfare
- International Human Rights Law
- International Law
- International Satellite Communications
- International Taxation
- International Trade Law
- Special Topics in International Trade

**LEGAL PERSPECTIVES & ETHICS**
- Jurisprudence
- Law & Behavioral Science
- Law & Storytelling
- Legal Profession
- Mental Health Law

**LITIGATION**
- Administrative Law
- Advanced Legal Research
- Client Interviewing & Counseling
- Clinical Practice: Civil
- Clinical Practice: Criminal
- Clinical Practice: Immigration
- Evidence Pretrial Litigation
- Remedies & Damages
- Trial Advocacy

**PROPERTY**
- Estate Planning
- Estate Planning Problems
- Real Estate Transactions
- Wills & Trusts

**SPACE, CYBER, & TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW**
- Aviation Law
- Domestic Cyber Security
- Domestic Spectrum Law & Policy
- Domestic Telecommunications Law
- National Security Law
- National Security Space Law
- National Space Legislation
- Researching Space Law
- Space & Satellite Business Law
- Space Law

**TAX**
- Corporate Tax
- Employee Benefits Law
- Farm & Ranch Tax
- Individual Income Tax
- International Taxation
- Partnership Tax
- State & Local Taxation
FOCUS YOUR CURRICULUM OR DEVELOP YOUR SPECIALIZATION

JOINT DEGREES

If you are interested in working with a practice area that is so specific that you’d like to earn a master’s (or, in the case of psychology, a doctorate) in a subject alongside working towards your JD, you will want to consider pursuing a joint degree. Combine your JD with another graduate degree in one of our established joint degrees listed below, or inquire about a subject area not listed as we may be able to assist you in creating a joint degree that fits your interests.

- Law & Business Administration
- Law & Community and Regional Planning
- Law & Gerontology
- Law & History
- Law & Journalism and Mass Communication
- Law & Political Science
- Law & Psychology (Master’s or Doctorate)
- Law & Public Accountancy
- Law & Public Health

*Joint degrees require application and admission to both the College of Law and the respective graduate program.

I am interested in criminal justice reform and I chose to pursue law and psychology degrees because I believe that I cannot attempt to reform a system that I do not understand. Pursuing a degree in psychology while simultaneously learning how to read case law and interpret statutes has helped me to challenge some of the assumptions inherent in the law. I am able to conduct research to further understand and resolve the consequences of those legal assumptions. My understanding of both law and psychology has allowed me to not only identify problems, but to begin developing the necessary solutions.

JULIE WERTHEIMER, ’21

PROGRAMS OF CONCENTRATED STUDY

You can customize your legal education to focus on a specific practice area. Four ready-made areas of concentration are available or you may wish to work with a professor to create a unique program that prepares you to focus on the issues and problems that most intrigue you. Choose one of the following or design your own!

- Business Transactions
- Litigation Skills
- Intellectual Property
- Solo/Small Firm Practice

Examples of individualized programs created by our students and their faculty advisor:

- Agricultural Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Criminal Law
- Constitutional Law
- Entertainment and Media Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Health Law
- Immigration Law
- International Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Natural Resources Law
- Real Estate Law
- Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law
- Sports Law
- Taxation

I have designed my curriculum by choosing the Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study. I am planning on practicing business law and more specifically employment law, and was able to choose coursework to cover both. The courses included in the Business Transactions Program will give me a well-rounded understanding of business law that will be beneficial in practice.

KATIE CURTISS, ’21

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KATIE CURTISS, ’21
CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Throughout your time as a student at Nebraska Law, the Career Development Office (CDO) will interact with you to offer you opportunities for networking, interviewing, and job search preparation.

First Year (1L): You will be informed about job shadowing opportunities, externships, and other experiences such as Exploring Opportunities events to help you consider various practice areas while learning more about your strengths and what positions will bring you career satisfaction. In the spring, you’ll be able to participate in on-campus interviews so you can put your legal training to work through summer employment.

Second Year (2L): Many students see summer experiences extend into part-time work during the school year. Sometimes these positions lead to permanent post-graduation job offers. 2L students also are invited to take part in on-campus interviews with regional and local employers in the fall.

Third Year (3L): During the fall semester of your 3L year, you’ll have a personal meeting with a Career Development Office representative to discuss your goals and make a plan to get ready for employment.

PUBLIC INTEREST

Nebraska Law is committed to advancing justice and supports those students who wish to pursue public service careers. The Nebraska Public Interest Law Fund (NPILF) raises money to pay stipends to students who want to spend summers working in a nonprofit or government organization. Recent funding has supported students working in such places as:

- Center for Legal Immigration Assistance (Lincoln, NE)
- Nebraska League of Women Voters (Lincoln, NE)
- Legal Aid of Nebraska (Lincoln and Omaha, NE)
- Environmental Law & Policy Center (Chicago, IL)
- International Legal Foundation (New York, NY)
- United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (New York, NY)
- The Los Angeles County Public Defender’s Office (Los Angeles, CA)

Mauricio Murga Rios, ’21

NPILF RECIPIENT

Coming from an immigrant background and having spent both of his law school summers working on immigration projects, Murga Rios is no stranger to the injustices immigrants face. The California native spent his 2L summer working as a law clerk in the Los Angeles County Public Defender Immigration unit, ensuring that non-citizens had access to high-quality representation.

PICK YOUR PATH

Do you want to stay in Nebraska?

Many students do find they want to at least start their careers here in this state where the opportunities are abundant, the quality of life is exceptional, and the cost of living is relatively low. The CDO hosts events that allow you to network and meet people who can help you launch your work as a lawyer. Many of our graduates take positions in Omaha and Lincoln, but each year a number of alumni take employment in smaller Nebraska communities as well.

Do you want to be somewhere other than Nebraska?

The CDO will coach you through the process of connecting with people in the city where you want to live so that you can land the job you want. Our alumni are employed in every state of the U.S. and in a number of countries abroad. With a Nebraska Law degree you can go where you want to go, whether that is Washington, DC, New York, Los Angeles, or somewhere entirely different.

Even though I never actually had her as an instructor, Professor Wilson learned I was looking for a job in California. She made it a priority to talk with her California contacts about potential informational meetings and job interviews for me. I cannot begin to express how thankful I am to have had her help me navigate the job market in California.

JORDAN PITCHER, ’20
JOIN US AT NEBRASKA LAW

- Apply between September 1st and March 1st.
- Visit LSAC.org and create an account.
- Explore dates and registration deadlines for the LSAT.
- Prepare for the LSAT and take the exam.
- Sign up for LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service (CAS).
- Submit two to four letters of recommendation.
- Request transcripts from all undergraduate institutions where you have credits (including college courses taken for credit while in high school).
- Complete the online application for Nebraska Law and attach your personal statement and other documents you wish to include.
- After you have submitted your application, complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid at fafsa.ed.gov.
- Visit Nebraska Law. See the options at law.unl.edu/schedule-visit.
In making admission decisions, the Admissions Committee attempts to identify as best it can those applicants who have the ability to compete successfully in a rigorous academic environment, to contribute to a diverse intellectual community, and to engage successfully in the career of their choice in an increasingly diverse society. Because these characteristics are not always captured by an applicant’s LSAT score or overall grade point average, the Committee considers any upward or downward trend in the applicant’s academic performance over time, the quality of the applicant’s undergraduate institution, the applicant’s major and activities, letters of recommendation, personal statement, educational or economic disadvantages the applicant has overcome to obtain an undergraduate education, status as the first generation in a family to graduate from college or university or attend law school, commitment of future service to underserved communities, and any other information other than race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin supplied by the applicant.

Neither the Committee nor the College seeks to obtain any particular number or percentage of diverse candidates, but they do seek a diverse mix of students to ensure that the College has a sufficient range of background and experience in its student body to permit a deep, broad, and vigorous intellectual environment. As this description indicates, the admissions process is flexible, no particular factor in itself determines admission or non-admission, and the Committee has sufficient discretion to consider each applicant individually on the basis of the entire file.

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