

CINCINNATI

LAW

PREMIER SMALL URBAN PUBLIC



4|5 OUR PROGRAM

The First Year Program
Upper Level Concentrations
Joint Degree and Student Exchange Programs

6|7 OUR PEOPLE

The quality and commitment of our faculty
The talent and diversity of our student body
The impact and achievement of our alumni
The skill and knowledge of our library staff

8|9 OUR LEGAL CENTERS

Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights
Lois and Richard Rosenthal Institute for
Justice & Ohio Innocence Project
Center for Corporate Law
Glenn M. Weaver Institute for Law
and Psychiatry
Center for Practice

12|13 ACTIVITIES AND JOURNALS

Law Review
Human Rights Quarterly
Immigration & Nationality Law Review
Freedom Center Journal
Moot Court Honor Board
Organizations and Honor Societies

14|15 CAREER PREPARATION AND SUPPORT

Center for Professional Development
Volunteer Opportunity and Summer Public
Interest Fellowship Program
Legal Externship Program
Clinics

16|17 WHAT MAKES CINCINNATI SO SPECIAL?

18 LEARN MORE

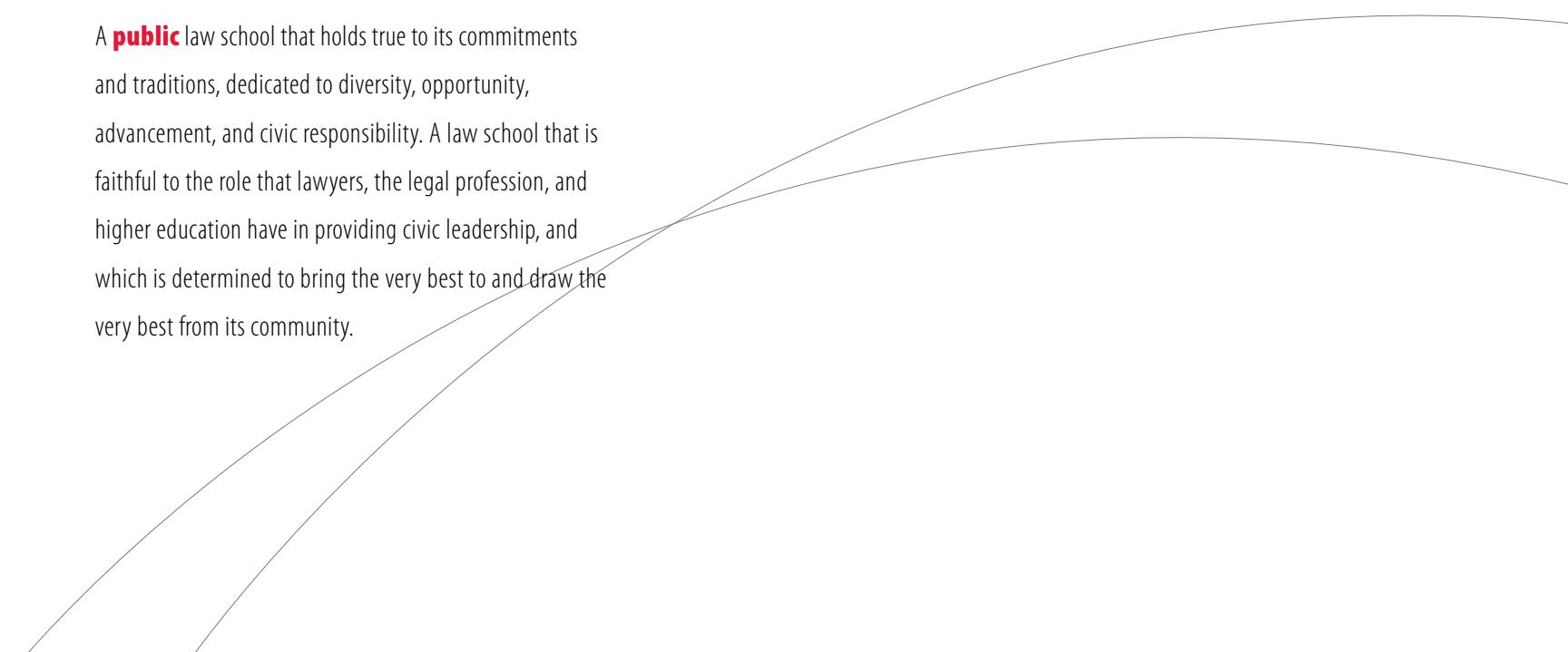
What you need to know
Why you should visit
How to apply
How to find scholarships and loans

A **premier** law school that is unstinting in its commitment to excellence in teaching, the scholarship of its faculty, its academic and professional life, its formation of strong and ethical leaders, and its engagement with the world.

A **small** law school that provides a close-knit and intimate educational environment while drawing on the resources of a major research university to offer a rich curriculum and an array of opportunities usually found only at much larger institutions. A supportive and collaborative community that is marked by an outstanding student-faculty ratio, strong and enduring relationships between faculty and students, personalized attention and mentoring, limited-enrollment classes, and diverse opportunities for each and every student.

An **urban** law school that draws great strength from its vigorous engagement with a classic American city rich with opportunities and challenges, benefiting from partnerships and exchanges with vibrant legal, corporate, and civic communities as well as from its position within a leading urban research university.

A **public** law school that holds true to its commitments and traditions, dedicated to diversity, opportunity, advancement, and civic responsibility. A law school that is faithful to the role that lawyers, the legal profession, and higher education have in providing civic leadership, and which is determined to bring the very best to and draw the very best from its community.

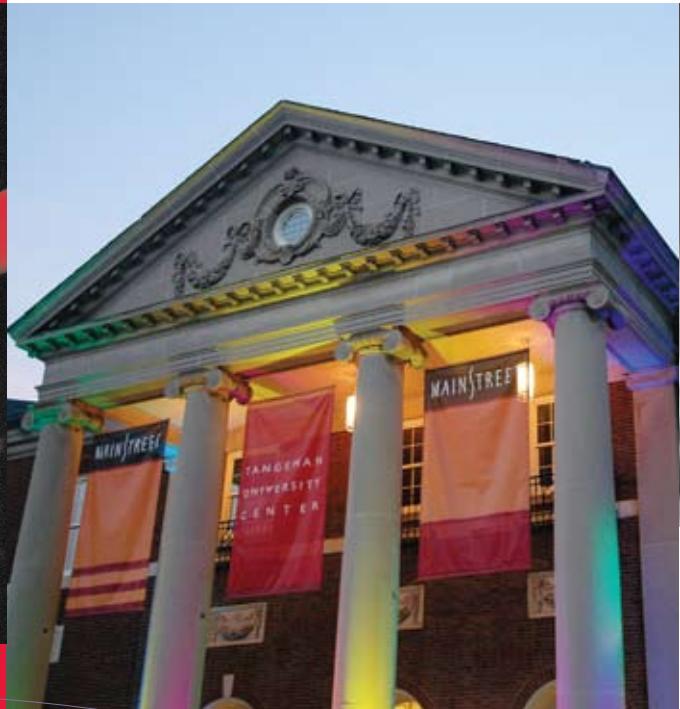


AJuris Doctor is more than just a professional degree. It's a mandate to influence how our justice system, our economy, and our democracy function. The University of Cincinnati is committed to preparing lawyers to exercise that mandate with integrity and ingenuity. Our experienced, knowledgeable faculty consists of active scholars whose writing and research are shaping the most important legal issues of the day. Our rigorous curriculum, supplemented by our nationally recognized legal centers and other hands-on opportunities, provides a deep immersion in the theory and practice of law as well as a flexibility that can be tailored to any professional goal. You'll graduate with the skills and perspective you need to make the law work for your clients.

Excellence. Relevance. Impact.

it's all uc.

OUR PROGRAM



EXCELLENCE

Our curriculum offers you a thorough grounding in both the theory and practice of law. And our small class sizes ensure a learning community that is driven by engagement, interaction, and support.

THE FIRST YEAR PROGRAM

The first year lays the foundation for a life-long legal education, and we build that foundation with the utmost care and skill. You'll be one of only 135 full-time students in your entering class. This limited enrollment intensifies student-faculty and student-student interaction. Your professors will help you build on your strengths and shape a legal education that best prepares you for your professional goals.

You'll take your most intense courses—such as Legal Research and Writing and Advocacy—with as few as 20 other students. Working together in an environment that values collaboration over competition, you'll master the basic history, theory, and methodology of the law, as well as the analytical, writing, and presentation skills you'll need to be an effective lawyer. You'll also study the moral and ethical principles that make our legal system an effective, relevant, necessary tool for sustaining a vibrant, democratic society.

UPPER LEVEL CONCENTRATIONS

Having completed almost all of your required courses in your first year, you can use your second and third years to explore a wide range of topics. Every year we offer more than 100 upper level courses and seminars grouped under the categories below. Chart your own educational course by choosing classes in:

- Corporate Law
- Criminal Law
- Environmental Law
- Health Care and Disability Law
- Individual Rights and Liberties
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Litigation
- Public Interest Law
- Tax Law

JOINT DEGREE AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM

To make your education even more relevant to your career goals, the College of Law offers joint degree programs that let you earn two degrees in less time. Choose from:

- JD/MBA
- JD/MA in Women's Studies
- JD/MA and JD/PhD in Political Science
- JD/Master of Social Work
- JD/Master of Community Planning

Other joint degree programs, tailored to your interests, are available by special arrangement.



"Often the solution to a client's problem isn't in the law as it is written, it's in the law as you interpret and argue it. That's how clients get served, how good gets done, how new law gets made. It's a truly creative process and UC thoroughly prepared me to participate in it."

Nate Lampley, Jr. '88, managing partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

OUR PEOPLE



IMPACT

Just as important as what you learn are the people with whom you'll learn. The professors, staff, and classmates you'll encounter at UC bring a remarkable depth and breadth of experience to the classroom and library, guaranteeing lively and informed conversation and debate. Upon graduation, you'll have access to an international network of successful UC alumni.

THE QUALITY AND COMMITMENT OF OUR FACULTY

Our 9.6:1 student-faculty ratio—one of the lowest in the nation—means you'll develop rewarding mentoring relationships with some of the most inquisitive and energetic legal scholars in the nation. The quality and volume of their research has made the law faculty one of the most productive in the country. The faculty's scholarship is complemented by extensive professional experience. Many have clerked for federal judges, been partners in major law firms, and some have argued before the Supreme Court.

THE TALENT AND DIVERSITY OF OUR STUDENT BODY

The relevance and reputation of the University of Cincinnati College of Law, as well as the scholarships and fellowships we offer, attract a remarkably talented and ambitious student body. The student body is evenly balanced between men and women, 16 percent are persons of color, and more than a third are from outside Ohio. The wealth of personal and professional experience your peers bring to the classroom enlivens debate and provides insight and perspective on every issue. Bound by an honor code that governs everyone's academic conduct, your class will form a close-knit, intellectually adventurous community that will challenge and support you throughout your legal education and beyond.

THE IMPACT AND ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR ALUMNI

The best measure of the effectiveness of a UC law degree is the success of our alumni. They include associates and partners at firms of all sizes, in-house counsel, judges on both state and federal benches, United States district attorneys and state attorneys general. Our alumni also help make the legal system work more fairly and efficiently in their careers in public interest law, in the governmental sector, and in academia.

THE SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LIBRARY STAFF

Using the library for study and research will be a large part of your law school experience. Our seasoned staff members, including seven professional librarians, will be poised to assist you as you hone your research skills. Two computer labs and a wireless network throughout the building enable you to maximize your online research capabilities, and our skilled IT staff members are readily available to keep you up and running.



"One of the reasons I love teaching here is that the students are so open-minded. They want to be engaged. When something clicks with them, they're off and running. I've had students tell me, 'We were fighting about this all the way to the parking lot.'"

Professor Verna L. Williams, co-chair of the joint degree program in Law and Women's Studies

OUR LEGAL CENTERS



RELEVANCE

Imagine interviewing witnesses and drafting briefs in a case of wrongful conviction. Imagine drafting—and eventually passing—legislation that allows crime victims to sue their perpetrators for damages in civil court. Imagine working on the Court of Human Rights in Costa Rica. UC law students have done all of these things and more through their participation in our legal centers. In addition to giving you invaluable practical experience and helping you build essential professional networks, working in the centers provides you with an indelible sense of the law's impact on real people and real lives.

URBAN MORGAN INSTITUTUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

As the first center of its kind at a U.S. law school, the Urban Morgan Institute plays a key role in shaping and supporting international human rights law and institutions. Become a fellow at the institute and you will help edit the internationally renowned *Human Rights Quarterly*, pursue externship opportunities at such organizations as Amnesty International and the U.N. High Commission on Refugees, and learn firsthand from visiting scholars from around the world.

LOIS AND RICHARD ROSENTHAL INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE AND OHIO INNOCENCE PROJECT

As a fellow with the Rosenthal Institute for Justice, you'll research and write policy-shaping reports on race, economics, the environment, and other socially relevant topics. You will also work as an investigator and advocate on real criminal cases through the Ohio Innocence Project. Diligent law students working with innocence projects across the nation have helped exonerate more than 130 wrongly convicted citizens, many of whom were on death row.

CENTER FOR CORPORATE LAW

Our Center for Corporate Law will put you at the heart of emerging issues in corporate governance and accountability, intellectual property, and securities law. In addition to hosting an annual Corporate Law Symposium that draws legal experts from across the nation, and maintaining an unrivaled research library, the center sponsors the Corporate Law Fellowship for high-ability students with an interest in corporate law.

GLENN M. WEAVER INSTITUTE FOR LAW AND PSYCHIATRY

Psychiatry plays a critical role in every facet of the law, from determining the competence of a defendant to stand trial and assessing the reliability of a witness, to developing corrections policy and advocating for the mentally ill. As a fellow of the Weaver Institute for Law and Psychiatry, you will attend conferences and workshops and conduct independent research and writing at the intersection of contemporary mental health science and the law.

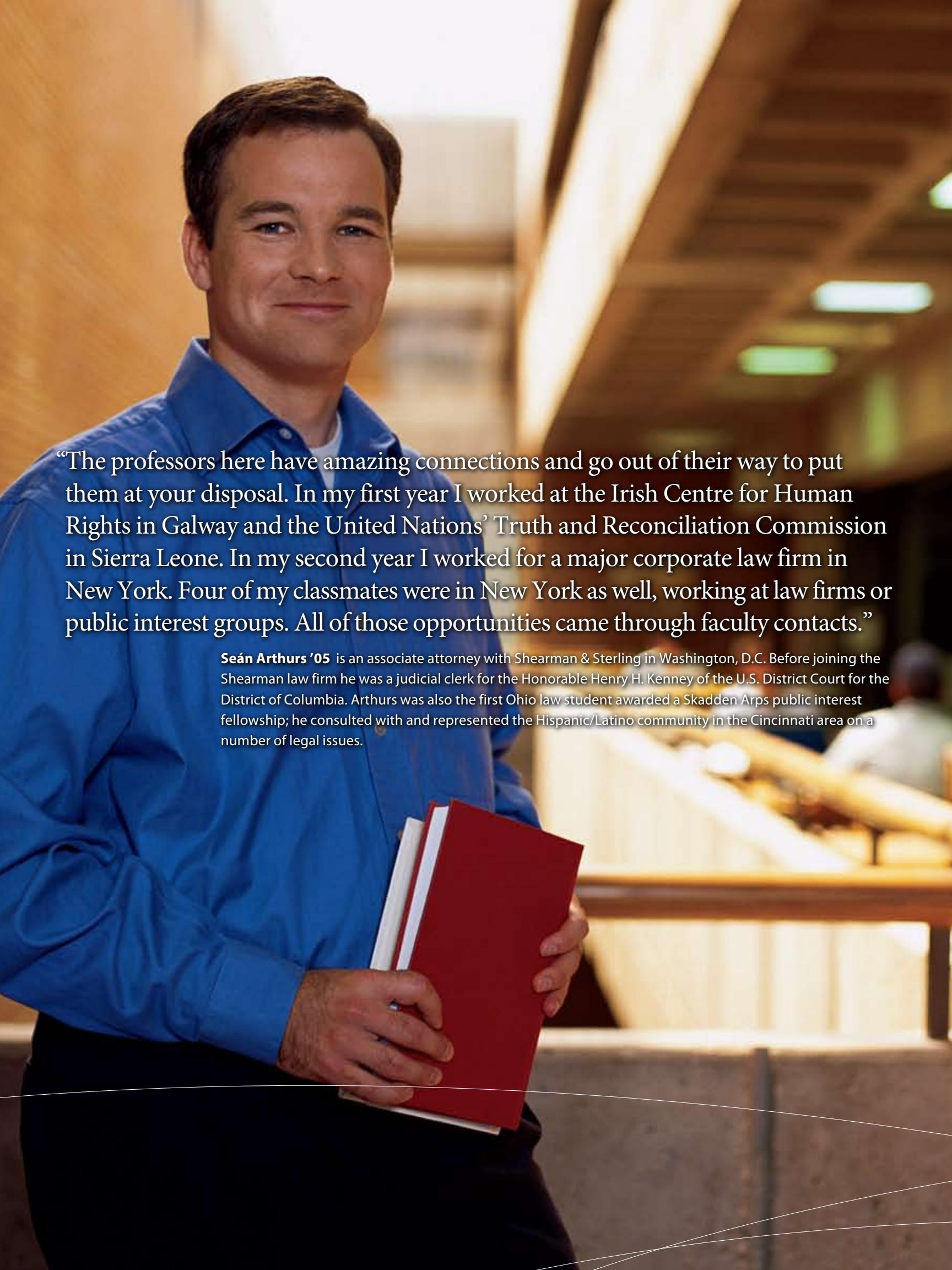
CENTER FOR PRACTICE

A growing number of legal disputes are settled before they reach the courtroom. By participating in this center's coursework, practice placements, research, and mediation competitions, you will learn an interdisciplinary approach to negotiation and problem solving that incorporates psychology, economics, decision-making, and risk analysis.



"The Innocence Project and other centers offer wonderful opportunities for students. They have their own clients. They interview witnesses and file briefs and motions. Some even draft legislation or testify before the Ohio General Assembly. In the process, they not only refine their legal skills, they also find out how the system really works."

Professor Mark Godsey, faculty director of the Rosenthal Institute for Justice & Ohio Innocence Project

A portrait of a young man with short brown hair, wearing a blue button-down shirt. He is smiling and looking directly at the camera. He is holding two books in his hands; one is red and the other is white. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a library or study area with wooden shelves.

“The professors here have amazing connections and go out of their way to put them at your disposal. In my first year I worked at the Irish Centre for Human Rights in Galway and the United Nations’ Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Sierra Leone. In my second year I worked for a major corporate law firm in New York. Four of my classmates were in New York as well, working at law firms or public interest groups. All of those opportunities came through faculty contacts.”

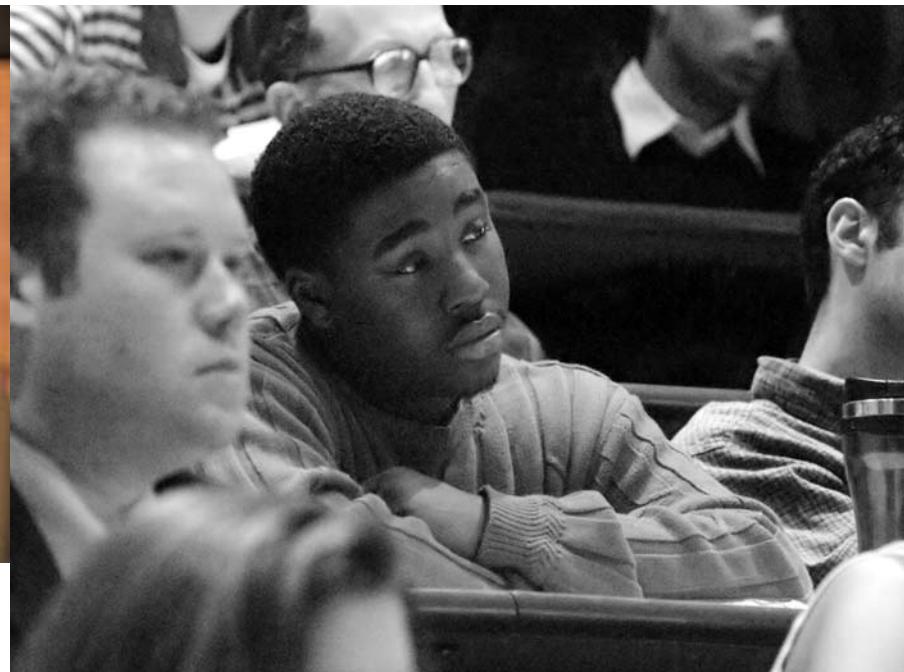
Seán Arthurs ’05 is an associate attorney with Shearman & Sterling in Washington, D.C. Before joining the Shearman law firm he was a judicial clerk for the Honorable Henry H. Kenney of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Arthurs was also the first Ohio law student awarded a Skadden Arps public interest fellowship; he consulted with and represented the Hispanic/Latino community in the Cincinnati area on a number of legal issues.



“UC’s College of Law gave me the foundation for a life of accomplishment that I’m very proud of, and the college continues to do the same for today’s graduates. I know that because as a managing partner at a national law firm, I see a lot of recent UC law graduates. They are very well prepared. They understand the practical and the aspirational nature of the law, and they come in ready to make a difference .”

Trish Smitson ’77, partner-in-charge for the Cincinnati office of Thompson Hine LLP

ACTIVITIES AND JOURNALS



ENGAGEMENT

What better way to immerse yourself in the latest legal thinking than to edit the journals that publish that thinking. As a member of the editorial staff of UC's respected legal publications, you will review articles by leading scholars from across the country, choosing which to publish, and occasionally adding exceptional articles from your classmates into the mix.

LAW REVIEW

The *University of Cincinnati Law Review* is one of the oldest and most respected legal journals in the country. Each volume is edited by 30 UC law students chosen each year on the basis of their grade point averages and writing ability. Second-year members of the review write case notes on the impact of recent court decisions. Third-year students write in-depth editorial notes.

HUMAN RIGHTS QUARTERLY

The *Human Rights Quarterly* is recognized as the leading academic journal in the human rights field. With a worldwide audience, the *Quarterly* covers the range of matters encompassed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is edited by fellows of the Urban Morgan Institute as well as student volunteers.

IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAW REVIEW

Writing and editing UC's annual *Immigration & Nationality Law Review* will deepen your knowledge and understanding of this increasingly important field. You'll strengthen your command of such related fields as constitutional law, business law, international law, and civil and human rights law.

FREEDOM CENTER JOURNAL

UC's longstanding commitment to social justice and civil rights is rooted in the role our region played in the abolitionist movement. To further explore these issues, the *Freedom Center Journal of Law and History* has been founded in partnership with Cincinnati's National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

For all the abstract intellectual challenges it offers, the law offers many opportunities for leadership. Through our organizations and honor societies, you will have the chance to lead your peers and represent the College of Law to the legal community and the community at large.

MOOT COURT HONOR BOARD

Develop your skill at drafting briefs and arguing before judges by participating in Moot Court. Members earn academic credit and build extensive professional networks while representing UC at competitions across the country. The Moot Court Board also hosts the renowned August A. Rendigs National Products Liability Competition every spring. Qualified second-year students can compete to earn a place on the board.

ORGANIZATIONS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

In addition to our reviews and journals, UC Law supports 27 student organizations and honor societies that let you develop your leadership skills and build professional and social networks. Among those groups are two of the most prestigious national honor societies for law students. The Order of the Coif honors select members from each class for their academic performance. The Order of the Barristers recognizes students' oral advocacy and brief-writing skills.



"My peers were as diverse as they were talented. Just in my study group I had a person who had his own Sunday morning political talk show, another was a minister, another who had done a lot of human rights work in Latin America. And we really supported each other. Success was a team effort."

Kristin Woeste '05 is an associate attorney with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. Before joining the Vorys law firm Woeste was a judicial clerk with the Honorable Roger Gregory of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.



UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI COLLEGE OF LAW

CAREERS



PREPARATION

UC's commitment to your legal career begins with providing you a well-rounded, experiential education in the law and continues with the professional support and opportunities you need to do well after graduation.

CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UC's support for your legal career begins in the classroom and extends into courtrooms, law firms, government agencies, and judicial chambers around the world. Our Center for Professional Development staff—all of them experienced attorneys—will help you develop and implement a professional plan tailored to your personal and career aspirations. Job offers—more than half of which come from outside Greater Cincinnati—include public interest fellowships, judicial clerkships, and opportunities in business, industry, government, and private practice.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AND SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

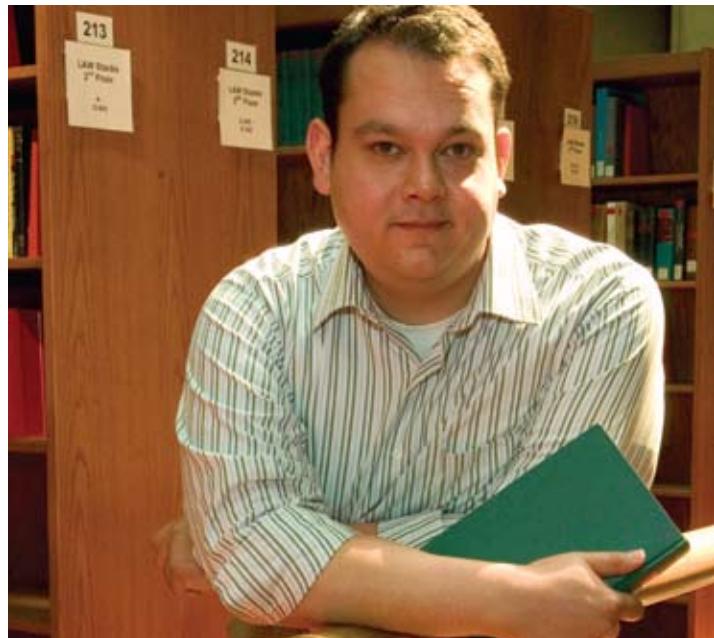
Our Center for Professional Development coordinates thousands of hours of student volunteer legal service annually through the Volunteer Opportunity Program. Contribute at least 15 hours of volunteer legal service and you will receive a special notation on your transcript. If you take an unpaid public service position during the summer, Summer Public Interest Fellowships can provide financial support.

LEGAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

UC has long been a pioneer in experiential learning. Employers know that students—particularly those from our professional schools—walk in the door knowing how to apply their valuable skills in the workplace. In our Legal Externship Program, you will earn academic credit and gain substantial professional experience and career insight while working at one of more than 75 non-profit legal service organizations and government agencies, including the National Labor Relations Board, the Federal Public Defender, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati.

CLINICS

The College of Law's legal clinics let you hone important professional skills by representing real clients under the close supervision of experienced faculty. The Innocence Project seeks, through a careful process, the exoneration of individuals convicted of crimes they did not commit. In the Sixth Circuit Appellate Practice Clinic, students help prepare appellate briefs and arguments, and may get to present those arguments to federal judges of the federal circuit court. The Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic, acting in conjunction with the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, provides a variety of legal resources for victims of domestic violence.



"One of my professors is doing cutting-edge research in contract law. Another was cited in a recent Supreme Court decision. Another has argued before the court. For a small school in the Midwest to be attracting that kind of faculty—and that kind of attention—is pretty impressive."

Joel Chanvisanuruk '06 is currently an associate director of career planning at Washington & Lee Law School. Before joining W&L, Chanvisanuruk worked with Mahoney & Mahoney, a boutique Washington, D.C. law firm specializing in federal sector employment and EEO litigation. He also served as a presidential management fellow litigating employment and EEO matters for the U.S. Forest Service and Department of Agriculture.

CINCINNATI



VITALITY

Cincinnati USA
All together surprising

www.cincinnatiusa.com

WHAT MAKES CINCINNATI SO SPECIAL?

It's a great place to work. Cincinnati is the seat of both the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, and home to more than 685 law firms. The opportunities in business and industry are equally rich. Cincinnati is home to ten Fortune 500 companies and a host of new startups in the technology, health care, manufacturing, and financial service sectors. It's no wonder that *Fortune* called Greater Cincinnati one of the top 10 places to live and work or that *Forbes* called the region one of the "Best Places for Business and Careers."

It's a great place to study. UC's Uptown campus is a happening place in its own right. Anchored by the bookstore, cafes, and student recreational facilities on MainStreet, the heart of campus offers the resources of a major research institution and the amenities of a well-appointed small town. And that warmth and convenience continue in our off-campus development. The recent retail development on Calhoun Street has reinvigorated the Clifton neighborhood with new apartments, townhomes, and condominiums and more than 90,000 square feet of new retail space.

It's a great place to play. We have one of the biggest and best park systems in the nation, including the new Friendship Park along the river—perfect for running or in-line skating—and an incredible system of public golf courses. For families, nothing beats a trip to Kings Island theme park, the Newport Aquarium, or the world-class Cincinnati Zoo. Runners will love the Flying Pig Marathon, one of the fastest growing in the country, and sports buffs have baseball with the Reds, football with the Bengals, and hockey with the Cincinnati Cyclones.

It's a great place to listen. Cincinnati's live music scene will rival your iPod in its diversity. Anchored by the MidPoint Music Festival, our thriving rock and pop community has earned us a place on *Esquire* magazine's "Top 10 Cities that Rock" list. Macy's Music Festival brings the best in jazz and R&B to town, and Cincinnati's symphony and opera companies have always been among the best.

It's a great place to eat. Whether you want to go eclectic on MainStreet or upscale in Mt. Adams, the restaurants are fantastic. And don't forget Cincinnati traditions like Skyline chili (to pass as a local, ask for a four-way with a cheese coney on the side) or the handmade ice cream at Graeter's (three words: black raspberry chip). We love food festivals too, with Taste of Cincinnati, the Great Inland Seafood Festival, and Oktoberfest (second largest in the world, after Munich). And if you like to cook for yourself, you have to visit Findlay Market, one of the oldest public markets in the country.



For the latest information on Cincinnati and the Uptown community, visit www.uptowncincinnati.com.

LEARN MORE

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Admission to law school requires a bachelor's degree. Though there is no specific pre-law major, classes should be chosen with an eye toward developing your writing, speaking, and critical thinking skills. Although our admissions process is selective, we encourage any student with ability and ambition to apply.

WHY YOU SHOULD VISIT

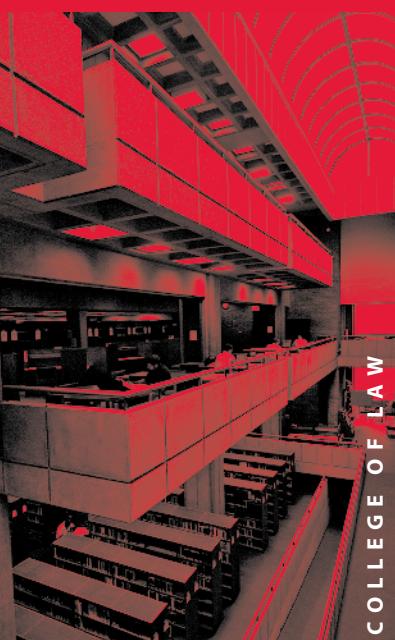
The best way to experience the unique community UC Law has to offer is to visit the campus. Formal programs for prospective students are offered throughout the year, and individual visits can also be arranged to fit your schedule. Information about planning a visit can be found at www.law.uc.edu.

HOW TO APPLY

Although the College of Law accepts paper applications, we strongly encourage you to apply online via the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC.org). First-year applicants can apply between September 1 of the fall before enrolling and March 1 of the year you plan to enter law school. The deadline for Early Decision (binding) is December 1. Complete application procedures are listed at www.law.uc.edu, under Prospective Students.

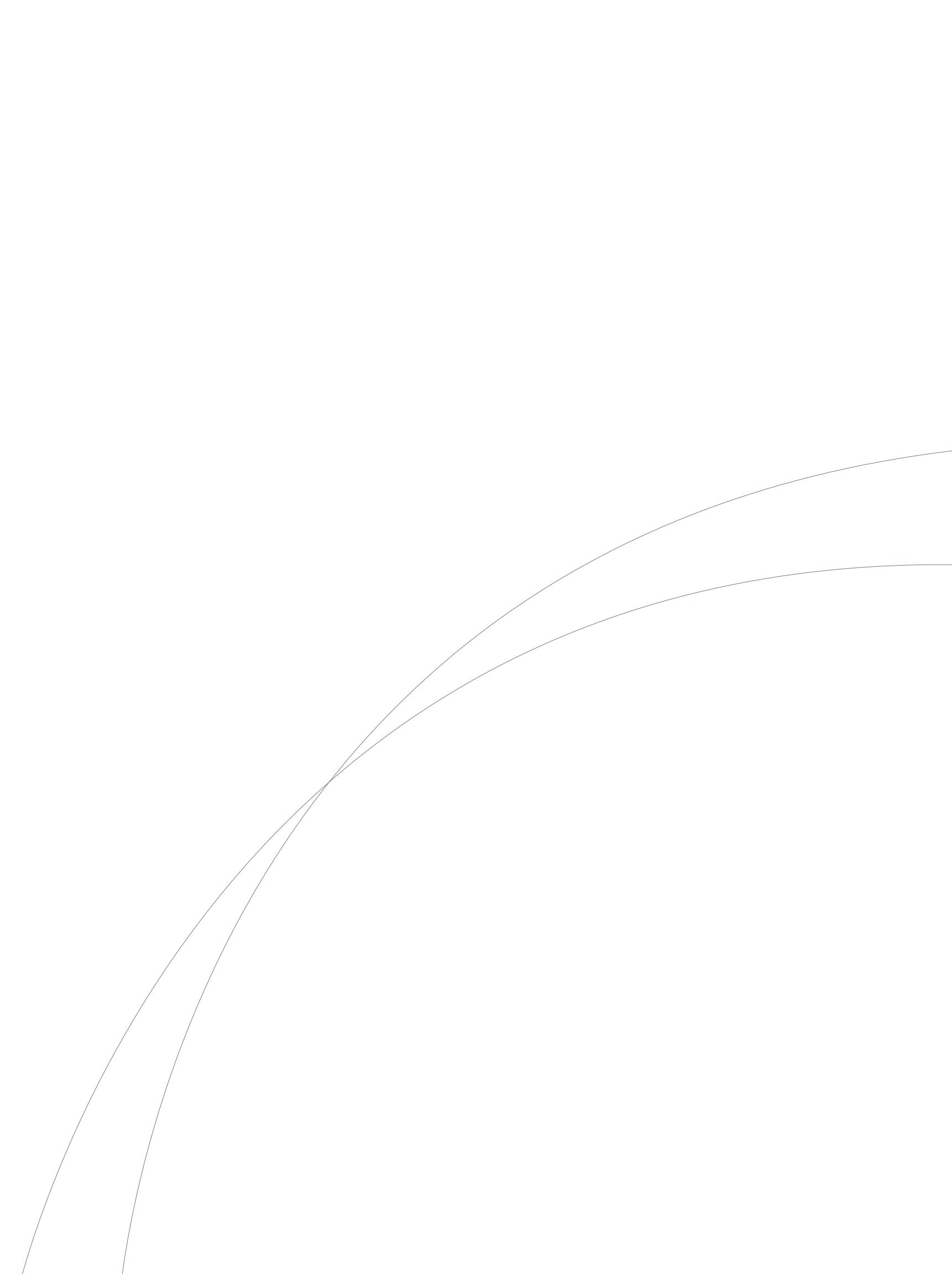
HOW TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS

The College of Law awards scholarships to attract and maintain a talented, diverse student body. In a typical year over \$2.1 million dollars in scholarship and fellowship assistance is awarded. All federal student loan programs are also available. The class of 2007 held an average debt of \$53,982, well below the national average of \$70,933. Visit www.law.uc.edu for more information about financial aid.



UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
COLLEGE OF LAW





ACCREDITATION

The college is a charter member of the Association of American Law Schools, organized in 1900 and composed of the leading law schools of the United States. Members must maintain prescribed standards in regard to entrance requirements, faculty, library, and curriculum. The American Bar Association has designated the College of Law of the University of Cincinnati an approved school.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The College of Law actively supports University Rule 3361:10-13. Discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental handicap, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam Era will not be practiced or tolerated in any of its activities. Additionally, where past or present discriminatory behavior continues to have an adverse effect upon university community members, the university will take affirmative action measures to eliminate that effect. Questions concerning the policy should be addressed to the Director of Affirmative Action, Office of Affirmative Action, University of Cincinnati, PO Box 210214, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221-0214.



Admissions Office
University of Cincinnati
College of Law
PO Box 210040
Cincinnati, OH 45221-0040

513-556-6805
www.law.uc.edu