

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

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Basic Information

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Admissions Profile (J.D. Candidates only)

Applications received	959
Size of entering class:	118
# of undergraduate colleges represented:	60
# of states represented (incl. D.C.)	10
In-state enrollment:	82%
Out-state enrollment:	18%
Foreign countries represented:	3

Grade Point Average / Law School Admission Test

		25th%	50th%	75th%
Grade Point Average	Full-Time	3.51	3.22	2.88
	Part-Time			
	Overall	3.51	3.22	2.88
Law School Admission Test	Full-Time	154	151	148
	Part-Time			
	Overall	154	151	148

In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? Yes
If not, what percentage is not included and why?

Law School Demographics

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	Total
	Class Size	121	155	183	7	466
	Men	63	77	93	3	236
	Women	58	78	90	4	230
Hispanic/Latino	Men	2	5	5	0	12
	Women	6	1	7	0	14
White	Men	50	62	76	3	191
	Women	42	63	60	4	169
Black/African American	Men	4	2	1	0	7
	Women	4	6	7	0	17
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Men	0	0	0	0	0
	Women	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	Men	3	4	2	0	9
	Women	1	3	8	0	12
American Indian/Alaska Native	Men	0	0	0	0	0
	Women	0	0	0	0	0
2 or more races	Men	0	0	0	0	0
	Women	0	0	0	0	0
Disabled	Men					0
	Women					0
Openly LGBT	Men					0
	Women					0
Non-Resident Alien	Men	1	0	0	0	1
	Women	0	0	2	0	2

Comments

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Degree Programs

Number of Students Enrolled:	
Full-Time:	420
Evening:	
Part-Time:	46
Other:	9
Fields of Study:	
LL.M. Degrees Offered:	Yes
Is LL.M. grading system equivalent to JD system?	Yes
Joint degree programs offered?	Yes
Number of LL.M. degrees awarded in previous year:	4

JD Programs:

CLINICAL COURSES / PROGRAMS OFFERED	ENROLLMENT BASED ON
Family Violence Litigation Clinic	
Immigration Law Clinic	
Health Law Clinic (HIV/AIDS and Cancer)	
Domestic Violence Prosecution Hybrid Clinic	
Tax and Transactions Law Clinic	
Environmental Law Placement	
Government and Public Service Placement	
Health Law Placement	
Judicial Law Placement	
Public Interest and Advocacy Placement	
Real Estate Placement	
Science and Technology Placement	
US Attorney Placement	
Criminal Law-Public Defender Placement	
Criminal Law-District Attorney Placement	

Special Training and Certification Programs:

Is Moot Court a required activity? No

Moot Court Program Description:

The Moot Court Board organizes four intraschool competitions: The Domenick L. Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy Competition, the Donna Jo Morse Client Counseling Competition, the Donna Jo Morse Negotiations Competition, and the Karen C. McGovern Senior Prize Trials. Additionally, the Board facilitates seven interschool competitions involving appellate advocacy, trial advocacy, client counseling, and negotiations. The Moot Court Board also sponsors and hosts the Domenick L. Gabrielli National Family Law Competition. This year seventeen teams, representing law schools from across the United States, competed. First year students participate in the program in a variety of ways, but do not compete. 2L and 3L may participate and compete in all programs. Moot Court Board members are selected through a competitive election process by the outgoing board.

Explanation of Grading System

Letter Grades	Other Grading System?	Numerical Equivalents
A+		4.3
A		4.0
A-		3.7
B+		3.3
B		3.0
B-		2.7
C+		2.3
C		2.0
C-		1.7
D		1.0
F		0.0

Comments:

Minimum Grade Required to Attain:

Top 10%:	3.66
Top 25%:	3.36
Top 33%:	3.28
Top 50%:	3.12
Top 75%:	2.90
Median GPA:	
Minimum grade required for graduation:	2.25

Do you have a pass/fail option? Yes

Starting in the Spring of 2013, students will be permitted to take 1 course (worth up to 4 credits) on a pass/fail basis. Students who exercise the pass/fail option will receive a P (pass) for earning a grade of C or higher. Those receiving a grade of C- or lower will be given an F (fail). A grade of P entitles the student to Credit toward the 87 credits needed for graduation, but will not affect the students' grade-point average. A failing grade is, however, included in the computation of the student's average.

Are students ranked in their class? Yes

If so, how often? every semester (fall and spring)

Will the school verify student grades? No

School's Verification Policy

Grades are defined as follows: A: Excellent — demonstrating superior ability in the fulfillment of course requirements. B: Good — demonstrating skill and proficiency in the fulfillment of course requirements. C: Satisfactory — demonstrating basic competence in the fulfillment of course requirements. D: Poor — demonstrating minimal competence in the fulfillment of course requirements. F: Failure — failing to demonstrate competence in the fulfillment of Course requirements. FW: Failure — failing to take exam and failing to withdraw from course. Within each of the above categories (with the exception of "Failure") pluses or minuses may be added to differentiate levels of accomplishment Grade - Point Values: A+: 4.30 A: 4.0 0 A - :3.70 B+:3.30 B: 3.00 B- :2.70 C+: 2.30 C: 2.00 C-:1.70 D+:1.30 D: 1.00 D-:0.70 F: 0 FW: 0p>

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Pre-Graduation Academic Honors

NAME OF AWARD	NO. AWARDED	BASIS OF AWARD
McKinley Prize	1	2L ranked first in class
Brewer Prize	1	1L ranked first in class
Trustees Prizes	4	1L/2L ranked 2nd/3rd in class
Justice Isadore Bookstein Scholarship	1	Three-year scholarship
Arthur F. Mathews '62 Endowed Scholarship	1	Strong academic potential
David S. Williams '46 Scholarship	1	3L showing greatest improvement
Singleton/Husted Scholarships	2	High academic achievement/potential
Hon. Thomas Whalen III '58 Scholarship	1	Significant need/good academic standing
J. Vanderbilt Straub '28 Memorial Scholarship	1	Demonstrated leadership/academic excellence
Jerome/Marian Teitelbaum Scholarship	1	Financial need/solid academic standing
Regina/Leo Tanenbaum Scholarship	1	Academic background/first generation American
Richard C. Johnson '51 Scholarship	1	Academics/public interest law
James E. Frankel '73 Scholarship	1	Interest in construction law
Gary Peck '79 Memorial Scholarship	1	Excellence in environmental law
Stanley Rosen /68 Memorial Scholarship	1	Interest in family law
Ayco Alumni Scholarship	1	Interest in tax law/demonstrated interest
Richard D. Parsons '71 Scholarship	1	Member of under-represented minority group
E. Stewart Jones, Sr. '35 Scholarship	1	Student from Rensselaer, Albany or Saratoga Counties, NY
Elizabeth/Russell Freeman '57 Scholarship	1	Financial need
Slomo and Cindy Silvan Foundation Scholarship	1	Interest in health care
Judge John J. Clyne '53 Memorial Scholarship	1	Financial need
Deans' and Founders Scholarships	146	Entering students with academic promise
Dean's List	315	Beginning as 2L, earn GPA 3.4 or better
Equality & Justice Scholarship	1	Academic success, commitment to LGBTQ rights, justice

Graduation Honors

	% of Class Receiving	GPA Required	# of Students
Order of the Coif			
Summa cum laude	8	3.75	15
Magna cum laude	10	3.50	19
Cum laude	18	3.25	37
Other			

Areas of Practice & Employment

Areas of practice include both legal and non-legal positions: % of employed students with jobs in area	
Private practice	42.51%
Business and industry	21.56%
Government	26.35%
Judicial clerkship	2.40%
Military	0.60
Public interest organization	6.69%
Academic	0%
Job category not identified	0.60%

% of students with known location who are in employment region	
New England (CT,ME,MA,NH,RI,VT)	3.57
Middle Atlantic (NJ,NY,PA)	89.88
East North Central (IL,IN,MI,OH,WI)	0
West North Central (IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD)	0
South Atlantic (DE,DC,FL,GA,MD,NC,SC,VA,WV)	1.79
East South Central (AL,KY,MS,TN)	0.60
West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)	0.60
Mountain (AZ,CO,ID,MT,NV,NM,UT,WY)	1.79
Pacific (AK,CA,HI,OR,WA)	1.79
Non-US	0

Jurisdictions:

New York State Colorado Pennsylvania

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OCI / Job Posting

OCI Reservations

OCI requests accepted by:
Mail - beginning date: 01/01/2015
Phone - beginning date: 01/01/2015
Email to - beginning date: 01/01/2015: mwage@albanylaw.edu
Online, URL - beginning date: 01/01/2015: <http://www.albanylaw.edu/careers>

Any changes in OCI procedures or policies that will be in effect for the first time during Fall 2015:
None.

OCI Date Assignment Procedure: First come first served
OCI Fee? No
OCI Date Confirmation Sent to Employers:

If requested, our school will coordinate with:
any law school in close proximity.

Required Employer Forms:

OCI Dates:

August: -
Fall: 08/24/2015-11/20/2015
Spring: 01/25/2016-04/29/2016
Flyback dates:
Is video conferencing available? Yes
Comments:

Pre-OCI Material Distribution:

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes
OCI Drop date: 06/01/2015
Date student materials sent to employer:
Date interview schedule sent to employer:
Postage/express mail fee? Yes
Comments: Applications are available electronically 2 weeks prior to on-campus interview date; employers are requested to make on-line interviewee selections approx. 1 week prior to on-campus interview date.
Do you provide resume collection or direct mail option for employers not participating in OCI? Yes
Are all OCI conducted in campus buildings? Yes

Other Interview Programs

Off-campus Interview Programs: New York City August 7, 2015; Boston, MA(August 21, 2015); Hartford, CT September 11, 2015). Equal Justice Works Career Fair Patent Law Interview Program Public Interest Legal Career Fair

Diversity Interview Programs

Albany County Bar Association - Diversity Internship Program The Boston Lawyers Group (BLG) - Boston Job Fair for Students of Color Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair IMPACT Career Fair-for Law Students and Attorneys with Disabilities Indianapolis Bar Association Diversity Job Fair The Lavender Law Conference and Career Fair LeGal's 2015 Annual LGBT Legal Career Fair Minnesota Minority Recruitment Conference National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) National Black Prosecutors Job Fair New York Bar Foundation - Corporate Counsel Section Fellowship NYS Bar Association - Kenneth G. Standard Diversity Internship Program Rocky Mountain Diversity Legal Career Fair Rochester Legal Diversity Clerkship Program

For Employers who do not interview students on-campus, will you:

send,uponrequest,onepackagecontainingresumes/transcripts? Yes
post a notice directing students to apply directly to employer? Yes

Employers may post their jobs for students and graduates by going to our website at: www.albanylaw.edu/employers. There is no fee.

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

If no, explain:

First Year Students

First-year students are eligible to participate in the Spring On-campus Interview Program. Job notices are posted on a daily basis.

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Diversity

Albany County Bar Association - Diversity Internship Program Hiscock & Barclay LLP (Albany, NY Office) Diversity Mentor Program New York Bar Foundation - Corporate Counsel Section Fellowship NYS Bar Association - Kenneth G. Standard Diversity Internship Program Rochester Legal Diversity Clerkship Program

Pro Bono

Pro Bono Program Albany Law School students are at the core of the school's growing and evolving Pro Bono Program. The Office of Student Affairs and a full-time Pro Bono Coordinator work closely with students, community partners, and faculty to broaden the scope and range of pro bono learning opportunities. The student-run Pro Bono Society allows students to work in small groups under the supervision of a community partner and with the leadership of a student project director. Each individual project is led by a student project director who works closely with his or her community partner to develop projects, delegate service assignments and schedule and conduct training. The community partner supervises the legal or law-related work and works with the student project director to develop meaningful, appropriate, and engaging service learning opportunities. Each project has a faculty advisor to assist the project directors in realizing their vision and meeting their goals. The Pro Bono Coordinator provides institutional and program support. Law Days The law school is committed to being a good neighbor and supporting the Albany community. To that end, several times a year the school holds community service days. Each day has a theme, which targets a particular underserved community. We create a program of presentations on subjects pertinent to the community, assemble a team of volunteer attorneys to provide free consultations, enroll a keynote speaker and invite the community in for a program that includes a free lunch. Past audiences have included veterans, seniors, and special needs families. In March 2015, we hosted what we believe to be the first law day for the LGBT community – a great success that was attended by over 350 persons. Future themes being discussed include law days for women and animal rights. Free PASS Free Private Attorney Student Support (Free PASS) is a one-time opportunity for students to work with a private attorney by researching a specific area of law for the attorney's pro bono case. Students learn from an attorney working in a private practice while making important connections in the legal community. Pro Bono Society Projects The Pro Bono Society's current projects include the following:

- Attorney for the Day/ Tenant Advocacy Students work with the Legal Aid Society for Northeastern New York and the Albany County Bar Association to assist pro bono attorneys who volunteer in landlord/tenant court by providing brief advice to pro se litigants facing eviction. Students help by interviewing clients and organizing client documents for the attorney.
- Family Court Help Desk Project Student volunteers help lawyers with the Albany County Bar Association who are assisting pro se litigants in Family Court. Students provide legal information, assist pro se litigants with their court forms, and conduct intake questionnaires.
- Health & Human Rights Project Students are providing research and drafting educational modules on human rights and health concerns that arise in prisons around the world, such as the spread of disease in inmate populations in Latin American.
- Immigration Assistance Project This project gives students the opportunity to provide legal information to immigrant detainees in Albany County Jail. Last year, ICE issued a directive on Facilitating Parental Interest in the Course of Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities. The purpose of this directive is to ensure that parental rights of immigrant parents and legal guardians are not disrupted when a parent is detained and placed in removal proceedings.
- Labor Law & Worker's Rights Project Students work with the Worker Justice Center and the Social Justice Center to provide legal information to non-unionized laborers as to their rights regarding protected concerted activity, wage theft, and other issues.
- LawHelp Project After completing a training to become a "live chat specialist" with LawHelpNY.org, students respond to instant messages by providing website users with legal information and assisting them in locating the forms and documents they need to address their legal issue from their own personal computers in three-hour weekly shifts.
- Matrimonial & Family Law Project Through the Legal Project's, and the Legal Aid Society's pro se Divorce Clinics, students provide direct assistance to pro se litigants in uncontested divorces with filling out divorce forms. Clinics usually occur twice each semester.
- Prisoners' Rights Project Students work with Prisoners' Legal Services (PLS) to: review medical and psychiatric research to assess the impact of incarceration on juveniles; review article 78 petitions to seeking review of decisions by the Department of Correctional Services on issues such as loss of good time, and extended solitary confinement; transcribe tapes to spot legal issues that PLS can assist inmates with.
- Veterans' Rights Project Students assist attorneys who provide direct pro bono assistance to veterans and their families. Specific tasks include helping homeless veterans, organizing Veterans' Law Day programs, and helping veterans and their families get access to legal services. In collaboration with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, students participate in the Wills for Heroes program, and the VAMC legal clinic.

JOURNALS	NO. OF STUDENTS	GRADES	WRITE-ON	INTV.	OTHER
Albany Law Review	60				Top 10%
Albany Government Law Review	41				Top 25%
Albany Law Journal of Science and Technology	39				Top 18%

Student Organizations

DESCRIPTION
Black Law Student Association (BLSA)
Business and Tax Law Society
Cardozo Society
Christian Legal Society
Criminal Law Society
Asian Pacific Law Student Association (APLSA)
Environmental Law Society
Health Law Society
Italian American Law Student Association (IALSA)
Intellectual Property Society
Labor and Employment Law Society
Latin American Law Student Association (LALSA)
Albany Law Men's Rugby
Albany Law Women's Rugby
Outdoor Club
Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)
Soccer (Co-ed)
Softball Club
Basketball Club
Student Alumni Veterans
Women's Law Caucus
Moot Court
Student Bar Association Senate
International Law Society
Elder Law Society
Pro Bono Society

Narrative

Albany Law School is a small, private school located in the heart of New York state's capital since 1851. As the oldest law school in New York, the institution offers students an innovative, rigorous curriculum taught by a committed faculty. Several nationally recognized programs—including the Government Law Center and the Albany Law Clinic & Justice Center—provide opportunities for students to apply classroom learning to real situations. Students have access to New York's highest court, federal courts, the executive branch and the state legislature. With approximately 10,000 alumni practicing in nearly every state in the country, and several continents, Albany Law's graduates serve as a vital community and resource for the law school and its students. Visit www.albanylaw.edu.