Florida State University College of Law

Our highly accomplished and accessible law faculty delivers a program that is designed to produce sophisticated entrants into the legal marketplace.

National Recognition


According to *The National Law Journal*, Florida State is the #1 law school in Florida and #43 nationally in terms of the percentage of 2016 graduates employed 10 months after graduation in full-time, long-term jobs that require bar passage and were not funded by the school.

*Business Insider* (2016) ranks Florida State as the nation’s 44th best law school.

*The National Jurist* magazine (2017) ranks Florida State the nation’s #16 “Best Value” law school.

*HispanicBusiness* (2014) ranks Florida State the nation’s #2 law school for Hispanic students.

According to a 2018 study of law faculty scholarly impact, our faculty is #1 in Florida and #29 nationally.

Readers of the influential *Brian Leiter’s Law School Reports* blog voted our faculty the nation’s 35th best in a 2014 survey on the nation’s top law faculties.

Alumni Network

Florida State’s alumni network is truly superb, evidenced by our outstanding employment rates, extensive mentoring and alumni contribution rates. Hundreds of alumni visit campus each year to mentor and interview our students. Many additional alumni network via video conference.
Student Selectivity

Current students represent 29 U.S. states and territories, 23 countries and 151 colleges and universities.

The College of Law receives 10 applications for every seat in the entering class.

The 2017 entering class has a median LSAT of 159 and a median GPA of 3.61.

Other Student Successes

Florida State’s graduates continue to excel on the Florida Bar Examination. Our bar passage rate for the most recent administration of the exam was 84.8%. By contrast, the overall passing rate for first-time test takers was 67.2%.

In November 2016, our Mock Trial Team won 1st place in the 2016 Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition. In the fall of 2015, the team won 1st place in two national competitions.

Since 2010, the Moot Court Team has won 1st place in 14 national competitions and in one international competition. In March 2018, they won 1st place in the Seigenthaler-Sutherland Cup National First Amendment Moot Court Competition. In November 2017, they won 1st place and the Best Brief Award in the 2017 Appellate Lawyers Association National Moot Court Competition.

In 2018, our Black Law Students Association won 3rd place in the National Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition. In 2015, they won 1st place in the National Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition. Our BLSA has been named National Chapter of the Year four times since 2011.

In 2018, for the seventh time since 2008, Florida State’s Student Bar Association received the National Achievement Award, which honors the best SBA in the nation, from the American Bar Association Law Student Division.

Professional Skills Training

Law students earn academic credit at our in-house, live-client Business Law Clinic, Children’s Advocacy Clinic, Family Law Clinic and Veterans Legal Clinic. Clients in the Business Law Clinic are business and social entrepreneurs from across the Florida State University campus.

In our extensive clinical externship program, law students earn academic credit by working in one of 100+ outside law offices or courts. Placement areas include judicial, criminal, civil, legal services, appellate, business and international.

Students can also take specialized courses to understand the economic, financial and social dynamic behind the law.