There is no better moment than now to be a Tulane Law student. Our longtime signature strengths – international and civil law, maritime law, environmental and energy law, sports law and public interest law – continue to thrive alongside our growing skills-training initiatives. Now more than ever, we are preparing graduates to practice law in the real world.

You’ll find the Tulane Law experience to be powerfully sophisticated in that it’s both global and grounded. It’s global in the sense that it encourages students to think broadly about the law and understand how legal systems operate from a comparative perspective. But it’s also closely grounded in the community, encouraging students to develop practical skills through engagement with clients and service organizations throughout New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. The region has become a magnet for entrepreneurs, artists, educators, activists and innovators, and our students share in the community’s energy. Our students are involved in a remarkable range of service activities through externships, clinics and pro bono activities, developing valuable practice skills while contributing to the area’s growth.

This makes for a distinctly well-rounded legal education – ambitious and advanced not only in exploring legal theory, but also in cultivating practical skills and service to the community right outside our doors. Through this combination, we provide you with the opportunity to grow personally and professionally, while achieving your best. Nothing less will do.
Tulane Law School is in the center of the university’s main campus, in the heart of uptown New Orleans. The campus faces picturesque St. Charles Avenue, in a neighborhood of historic homes, shops and restaurants. Across the avenue is the nation’s oldest operating streetcar line, connecting the uptown and downtown areas, and Audubon Park, which has jogging and bike paths, a golf course and one of the country’s finest zoos.

New Orleans also represents a social gumbo – a unique blend of individuals and cultures from across the globe. The city has been called the Paris of the New World and the northernmost city of the Caribbean. The real New Orleans exists somewhere between these identities, with an astonishing texture of customs and backgrounds celebrated every day through art, music, entertainment and food. Mardi Gras and the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival are not only major international attractions, but also celebrations of the city’s unique way of life. New Orleans never fails to surprise and always offers something new to discover. A local word, lagniappe, describes it best – “something more.”

Tulane is situated in one of the world’s most interesting locales. New Orleans is the largest city in Louisiana and houses a major international port, making it a center for admiralty law and international trade. It is a cultural hub, an innovator for political, environmental and social change and a wealth of legal resources. And it’s one of the richest places in the world to study law.

Every level of state court, plus federal district courts and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, are here. The Louisiana Supreme Court and Fifth Circuit law libraries are open to students, and local lawyers share their expertise by teaching specialized and advanced courses as adjunct faculty.
NEW ORLEANS

UPTOWN
Uptown holds Tulane’s campus, plus traditional New Orleans homes and a lively array of coffeehouses, restaurants, bookstores and shops for students to relax off campus.

GARDEN DISTRICT
A short streetcar ride away, the Garden District is filled with historic homes and a host of shopping and dining options along Magazine Street.

MID-CITY/CITY PARK
Although largely residential, Mid-City is also home to the city’s largest public park, New Orleans Museum of Art and the Fair Grounds, where Jazz Fest is celebrated each year.

WAREHOUSE DISTRICT
Downtown, the Warehouse District features contemporary loft-style apartments, museums, galleries and vibrant restaurants and nightlife.

FRENCH QUARTER
The French Quarter, New Orleans’ oldest and most famous neighborhood, houses historic spaces, art, antiques, dining and entertainment.
Founded in 1847, Tulane Law School is the 12th oldest law school in the United States. The school thrives in a cultural and academic environment that produces remarkable international programs, the world's leading admiralty and maritime program, the country's first sports law program and a nationally-acclaimed environmental law program. More than 150 courses explore how law lives in the courtroom and the boardroom, down the road and across the globe.

Law school will likely be three of the most challenging – and fulfilling – years of your life. At Tulane, we ensure that your academic experience is invigorated by the world around you by providing a broader, deeper legal education delivered within a network of learners and doers.

Tulane has always delivered a top-notch legal education – particularly in its signature academic areas. Now, the Tulane Law experience is better than ever, with our heightened focus on hands-on education. We hold a week-long, intensive skills-training boot camp each year, giving students direct training from some of the nation’s top lawyers and judges in criminal litigation, civil litigation and transactional practice. Our public interest programs also enable students to develop skills while providing legal aid to indigent individuals within the community, through pro bono service, externships and law clinics. And professors provide real-world applications of course material throughout the semester. Additionally, with eight law journals, 35 student organizations spanning the Law Women’s Association to the Po’Boy Appreciation Society, frequent lectures and symposia, countless public service opportunities and a student body representing more than 20 nations, Tulane fosters legal education that extends far beyond typical coursework. You don’t have to spend all your time in the library, and you don’t have to learn only in a classroom.

**WEINMANN HALL**
Weinmann Hall houses six law clinics, a computer center, a law library, classrooms and lecture halls under one roof. Contemporary and spacious, the facility was designed with faculty suites close to classrooms to foster collegially among faculty and students. It also features streams of locations for students to meet informally, both indoors and out. Additionally, our library is one of the nation’s best, with four floors, 500 study spaces, and 550,000 volumes at your disposal for learning and studying.

**STUDENT BODY**
Students enrolled in the JD program: Approximately 600 full-time students
Students enrolled in the LLM/LLJ program: Typically 50 students in-residence annually
Percent women: More than 50%
Percent minorities: More than 20%
Students from Louisiana: Typically 20-25% of each class
Number of Undergraduate Schools represented: More than 200
States represented: More than 40
Countries represented: More than 20
Complete statistics and data may be found at law.tulane.edu/consumerinformation

**CERTIFICATE/DEGREE PROGRAMS**
Tulane offers certifications for students focusing on particular areas of law. Approximately one-third of students earn certificates through the following programs:
- International & Comparative Law
- European Legal Studies
- Civil Law
- Environmental Law
- Sports Law
- Maritime Law
Tulane also allows students to earn two degrees simultaneously. Established programs combine J.D. degrees with:
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Accounting
- Master of Health Administration
- Master of Public Health in Community Health Services
- Master of Public Health in Environmental Health Sciences
- Master of Social Work
- Master of Arts in Latin American Studies
- Others on an Ad Hoc basis
Tulane welcomes approximately 50 students from all over the world to study in the following graduate degree programs each year:
- General LLM
- LLM in Admiralty Law
- LLM in American Law
- LLM in Energy & Environment
- LLM in International & Comparative Law
- Doctor of Juridical Science (incoming students must hold a first degree in law and LLM to enroll in this program)

**JOURNAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS**
Tulane’s legal journals are published throughout the year and hold national and international circulations. They provide students ample writing, editing and article reviewing opportunities.
The journals include:
- Tulane Law Review
- Tulane Maritime Law Journal
- Tulane European & Civil Law Forum
- Tulane Environmental Law Journal
- Law & Sexuality
- Tulane Journal of International & Comparative Law
- The Sports Lawyers Journal
- Tulane Journal of Technology & Intellectual Property
Tulane Law is proud to offer a curriculum that mixes traditional and specialized legal studies. Like other national law schools, Tulane provides courses in conventional areas like commercial law, family law, wills and trusts, real estate, taxation, public law and litigation. But we also offer programs in uniquely focused areas, including civil law, international and comparative law, admiralty and maritime law, environmental law and sports law.

Tulane’s first-year program emphasizes developing core analytic and legal writing skills. Faculty teach required first-year courses in classes of approximately 75 students to encourage close participation in the give-and-take of Socratic discussion. Using the case method, you will dissect judicial decisions, respond to professors’ and classmates’ questions and carefully consider competing arguments. Legal research and writing professors also teach courses in sections of approximately 30 students. In these core classes, you will develop the writing strategies and skills to succeed in practice.

After your first year, you are free to design your own curriculum from an array of electives. Tulane offers specialized courses in conjunction with our certificate programs, which approximately one-third of students complete. Many students also earn academic credit through in-depth training opportunities outside the classroom. Some choose to hone their writing and editing techniques by joining one of our eight legal journals. Others compete in trial and appellate moot court teams to train in oral and written advocacy. Real-world experience is also easy to come by in our law clinics, which are open to third-year students. Our clinical, Trial Advocacy course and boot camp skills-training program teach you key skills to succeed in your future practice.

Tulane Law is proud to offer leading national programs in unique, concentrated areas of law. The law school provides six distinctive programs in which students may earn certificates of specialization: Civil Law, International and Comparative Law, European Legal Studies, Maritime Law, Environmental Law and Sports Law.

Beyond the certificate programs, Tulane holds core courses in alternative dispute resolution; constitutional law; consumer law; corporate and commercial law; civil law and procedure; criminal law and procedure; energy law; legal ethics and professionalism; family law; health law; labor and employment law; property and real estate law; administrative and regulatory law; state and local government procedure; tax law; and advanced legal writing. Faculty in both specialty and traditional areas of study are nationally and internationally recognized for their contributions to their fields.

As an upper-level student, you have the freedom to choose from our broad range of course offerings and can select any combination of classes. Add to the mix our clinics, Trial Advocacy course and boot camp skills-training program, and you’ll get the tools to tackle legal practice after graduation.

Tulane Law’s capacity to teach the world’s two preeminent legal systems is one of our greatest strengths. If you intend to practice in common law jurisdictions, you’ll find the same extensive course offerings at Tulane as at other national law schools.

However, if you plan to practice internationally or in civil law jurisdictions, Tulane offers an assortment of civil law classes you won’t find at just any law school. We celebrate our Louisiana roots and take pride in fostering exceptional civil law scholarship. Students may take either common or civil law courses, and many take a mix of both to expand their legal knowledge and practice potential.
Given Tulane Law’s location in Louisiana, the nation’s only civil law state, the school has taught both common and civil law courses for more than 160 years. This mingling of legal systems in Tulane’s curriculum also sparked the development of our advanced comparative and international law program, which prepares students to tackle complex legal issues at home and across the globe.

Tulane offers certificate programs in International and Comparative Law, European Legal Studies and Civil Law. It’s our goal to train lawyers who can speak and think effectively in the world’s diverse legal languages.

No law school in the U.S. provides a comparable education in international law. With faculty and students representing more than 20 countries, Tulane Law offers dozens of international studies courses during the regular academic year and summer programs abroad. Our top-notch faculty also welcomes international legal scholars to deliver mini-courses on current global issues.

The Eason-Weinmann Center for Comparative Law is a hub for much of this activity, arranging seminars, symposia and lectures on international and comparative law topics that draw hundreds of participants worldwide. The Eason-Weinmann Colloquia, held since 1981, have attracted some of the world’s most distinguished scholars to join in vibrant discourse at Tulane.

Tulane Law’s research and scholarship further reflect its status as a powerhouse in international legal studies. Four of our seven journals emphasize international and comparative law. The school’s flagship journal, the Tulane Law Review, is the nation’s oldest legal publication emphasizing comparative law and reaches subscribers in more than 40 countries. The faculty-led Tulane European and Civil Law Forum and student-edited Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law also highlight key global issues for international readers. And the Tulane Maritime Law Journal addresses international legal challenges that intertwine with maritime law.

Additionally, Tulane Law hosts and co-sponsors the annual International Legislative Drafting Institute, which draws approximately 20 legislators and government representatives from more than 10 countries. The program serves as a skills-training workshop for officials writing and revising laws for democracies across the globe.

STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS

Tulane’s summer study abroad programs in international and comparative law are held in some of the world’s most beautiful and interesting countries. While programs offered vary from summer to summer, past programs have covered European legal studies in France; negotiation and mediation in Germany; maritime law in Greece; international art law in Italy; and asylum and human rights law in England. Courses are primarily taught by Tulane faculty and are augmented by international professors, prominent judges and, over the years, six justices of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Tulane conducts exchange programs with approximately 20 international universities, further exposing students to different legal systems. The law school also arranges summer internship opportunities abroad for students participating in international programs.
No other state offers a better laboratory for studying energy and environmental law than Louisiana. Hosting the nation’s largest river system, one-third of its remaining wetlands, one-quarter of its seafood and one-fifth of its migratory waterfowl, south Louisiana also supports some of the nation’s largest oil and gas, petrochemical and navigation industries. The state offers unparalleled natural and man-made resources for mastering the intricacies of environmental and energy law.

As a forerunner in the field, Tulane stands out as one of relatively few national law schools offering a J.D. certificate program in environmental and energy law and an advanced LL.M. degree in the same areas. Students specializing in environmental and energy law witness firsthand how these two worlds can accommodate each other but also clash. Post-Katrina and post-BP oil spill, our students confront increasingly complex issues directly affecting Louisiana’s environmental resources.

The environmental and energy curriculum is grounded in foundation courses on pollution control, natural resources law and administration law. More advanced courses cover hazardous and solid waste law, land use regulation, international environmental law, toxic torts, oil and gas law, wetland and coastal management, wildlife and endangered species protection and preservation and urban issues. Many of the courses take students into the field to experience the conflicting interests surrounding environmental legal issues.

Tulane is also home to the Institute for Water Resources Law and Policy, an environmental think-tank promoting responsible management of the state’s water resources. The institute gives students access to courses, lectures and symposia in the unique area of water law, which is of key importance to Louisiana’s coastal regions.

**Program Offerings**

- The Energy and Environmental Law Society hosts the annual, award-winning Summit on Environmental Law and Policy. The summit draws practitioners and scholars nationwide and gives students the opportunity to meet key leaders in the field.

- An all-student staff publishes the Tulane Environmental Law Journal, running articles by academics, practitioners and students. The journal has sponsored symposia and colloquia on toxic torts, fisheries, biodiversity and international environmental law.

- Students seeking real-world experience in environmental advocacy may practice in our Environmental Law Clinic, the country’s largest student-run environmental legal clinic. Student attorneys in the clinic represent clients in cases involving natural resource and public health issues, and they master the skills to thrive in environmental practice.

- Energy law students also enjoy direct exposure to the region’s oil and gas industry. Through a partnership with Valero Energy Corporation, students have an opportunity each semester to visit one of the world’s largest, most sophisticated refineries and meet with corporate management, engineers and counsel.
Tulane Law rules the seas. The law school offers more courses and activities in admiralty and maritime law than any other school in the world. Tulane is also uniquely suited to teach students in this highly specialized area, given our location in a city that holds one of the world’s largest international ports and the country’s second-largest admiralty bar.

Our commitment to maritime law goes back to the law school’s beginnings and continues thriving today. Tulane Law offers not only a certificate of specialization in maritime law for J.D. students, but also an L.L.M. degree in admiralty, which draws several practicing attorneys each year. The maritime program provides more than a dozen semester-long admiralty courses and mini-courses taught by prominent practitioners from the U.S. and abroad. The Maritime Law Center also promotes maritime scholarship and coordinates programs for practitioners that are open to students. And, in quieter moments, you’ll find that Tulane’s law library houses one of the most extensive maritime collections in the nation.

Martin Davies, Admiralty & Maritime Law Professor

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PROGRAM OFFERINGS
• The Maritime Law Society coordinates activities that take maritime students outside the classroom and into the field, including guest lectures by visiting practitioners, harbor tours and visits to shipping terminals.
• Students run the Tulane Maritime Law Journal, the first and preeminent student-edited maritime law journal in the world with a circulation spanning more than 35 countries. Journal members present their ideas selected for publication to maritime practitioners at an ABA-sponsored event held in New Orleans each semester.
• Tulane Maritime Law Journal students also develop specialized advocacy skills arguing in the Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition, an annual, national moot court program focused on cutting-edge industry issues.
• Tulane Law coordinates a maritime externship with the office of the Administrative Law Judge of the U.S. Department of Labor and reserves a summer externship with the Center for Seafarers’ Rights in New York each year.
• Tulane Law holds several programs for maritime practitioners that students may attend. The law school hosts national and international maritime attorney and scholar events, the Tulane Admiralty Law Seminars, and at continuing legal education programs on maritime topics. Through these events, students can network with top industry lawyers and executives from around the world.

admiralty & Maritime

law.tulane.edu/maritime
Tulane stands out as the country’s first law school to offer a sports law certificate for J.D. students. The program is a natural fit in New Orleans, a vibrant athletic center that hosts a stream of collegiate and professional sporting events, including Superbowls, PGA tournaments, NCAA Final Fours, BCS National Championships, Sugar Bowls and NBA All-Star games. And the sports law program fosters unparalleled academic and extracurricular experience to help students understand the challenging legal and business problems facing this complex, high-profile industry.

For over two decades, Tulane’s sports law program has reached far beyond the classroom, combining academic studies, legal writing, networking and practical training. Tailored to help students learn, experience and debate the unique applications of law to the athletic industry, the program teaches students the skills to thrive in this increasingly complex profession.

The program also offers students a host of options for establishing connections inside the industry. During the school year, sports law students have the opportunity to intern for Tulane Athletics and local professional sports teams, including the Saints and the Pelicans. Many sports law students also spend their summers away, working in sought-after internships for other national sports teams, regulatory groups and agencies. Additionally, Tulane sports law students may attend the Sports Lawyers Association’s annual conference free of charge, allowing them to learn current issues in the field and make key athletic industry contacts. And sports law alumni regularly return to campus to help mentor students, offer insight and judge Tulane’s sports law competitions.

**SPORTS & SOCIETY**

**PROGRAM OFFERINGS**

- Students in the Sports Law Society regularly meet with major sports figures to discuss industry issues. The society also sponsors public programs with sports law students, attorneys and business leaders, like the Tulane National Baseball Arbitration Competition and Tulane Pro Football Negotiation Competition, two annual programs based on professional athlete deal-making procedures that draw sports insiders nationwide.

- Students also edit and publish The Sports Lawyers Journal, featuring articles by sports law students around the country. The publication is the country’s most widely-read sports law journal.

- For sports advocates-in-training, the Tulane Moot Court Board hosts the Tulane Mardi Gras Sports Law Invitational moot court competition each spring, focusing on contemporary legal problems confronting the field. The competition’s final round is judged by a panel of well-known sports industry judges, including the director of the NHL Players Association, general counsel for the NFL Players Association, MLB team presidents and ESPN analysts.
The Civil Rights and Federal Practice Clinic offers student attorneys the opportunity to practice before federal district courts. They handle a variety of cases involving civil rights issues such as employment discrimination, fair housing, police misconduct, and free speech.

Criminal Litigation Clinic student attorneys represent indigent defendants before state criminal courts. They prepare for voir dire, opening statements, direct and cross-examinations, closing arguments, and appeals up to the Louisiana Supreme Court.

The Juvenile Litigation Clinic focuses on representing clients charged with theft, distribution of controlled substances, crimes against nature, rape, and even murder. Student attorneys cover pre-trial motions, preliminary examinations, arraignments, competency hearings, trials, and appeals.

Domestic Violence Clinic student attorneys assist clients escaping violent relationships and seeking protective orders, divorces, and child custody. This clinic focuses on civil legal service but also offers excellent training for future prosecutors.

Legislative & Administrative Advocacy Clinic student attorneys aid traditionally under-represented groups, such as the elderly and disabled, before state legislative and agency proceedings. Student attorneys have worked to pass laws in every session of the Louisiana legislature since 1990.

Environmental Law Clinic handles cases involving pollution, hazardous waste, wildlife, endangered species, wetlands, and coastal protection, energy conservation, transportation, and urban environmental issues, including historic preservation. It is the nation’s largest faculty-supervised environmental legal clinic.

At Tulane Law, we believe a legal education best prepares you for practice when it combines academic studies with real-world experiences. Our experiential learning programs help students develop practical skills to complement their coursework. Through partnerships with practitioners, alumni, and faculty, Tulane offers opportunities like Intersession boot camp, legal clinics, and externships to provide hands-on training that enhances the typical classroom experience.

Tulane’s expanding array of experiential learning initiatives will help you gain problem-solving skills, develop advocacy techniques, analyze professional and ethical challenges, explore different career interests, and build professional networks and help your community.

Our faculty members are dedicated to providing you with real-world knowledge, both inside and outside the classroom. As part of Tulane’s enhanced focus on experiential learning, professors incorporate skills-building exercises into traditional courses. Through these opportunities, we enable you to hit the ground running with both academic and practical knowledge when you begin working.

Those opportunities extend beyond the regular fall and spring semesters. During boot camp, you’ll take on intensive training in one of three practice areas: business transactions, civil litigation, or criminal litigation. A slate of practitioners and judges from across the country leads the program each year. These instructors teach courses in small sections, helping you develop practical skills tailored to your desired practice areas.

If you’re seeking more in-depth training, our clinical programs will put you face-to-face with clients as a student attorney negotiating with contending parties and litigating before courts and agencies. Under the direction of supervising faculty, you’ll investigate cases, take depositions, and handle judicial, administrative, and legislative proceedings.

Tulane also provides externship opportunities in state and federal courts, government bodies, and public interest organizations. The externship program offers semester- and year-long field placements for third-year students, as well as summer placements for rising second- and third-year students. You have the option to complete summer externships locally, nationally, or internationally, with the freedom to develop skills in a range of areas.
For more than 75 years, Tulane Law has welcomed graduate students from across the globe. With professors and programs known worldwide, Tulane offers a unique and valuable experience to law students pursuing advanced training. The school’s location in New Orleans also places it in one of the most diverse and unique cities in the world to pursue graduate legal studies.

Each year, as many as 75 students from throughout the world enroll in graduate programs at Tulane Law, joining approximately 600 J.D. students. Tulane also offers the S.J.D. to candidates who already hold LL.M. degrees.

Tulane is dedicated to fostering strong graduate legal education, and the law school offers programs designed to enable graduate students to thrive both academically and professionally. In addition to four LL.M. programs, an S.J.D. program and a 14-credit add-on program for LL.M. graduates preparing for U.S. bar exams, Tulane provides a number of resources to enrich your education and experiences.

A three-week introductory course is taught for international graduate students just before the start of the fall semester. This course and associated activities have the dual purposes of introducing you, in a relatively relaxed environment, to the methods and expectations of American legal education and to key areas of U.S. law. Throughout the academic year, the executive and assistant directors of the Office of International Legal Programs plan both educational and social programs and ensure that you will receive individual attention and advising as an international LL.M. student. Tulane also offers English language instruction, with emphasis on the language of law and business.

More broadly, the law school strives to provide graduate students with professional and personal support. Graduate students receive guidance from the Career Development Office, which holds regular workshops on resumes, cover letters, interviewing skills, networking and other topics related to job search strategies. Our assistant dean for students is also available to counsel graduate students.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

International students seeking exposure to a wide range of traditional American law topics may enroll in courses from Tulane Law’s entire curriculum. Many of these students pursue the General LL.M. degree, which covers a broad survey of U.S. law. Students often find the General LL.M. provides them the necessary background to prepare for and take U.S. bar exams.

Students may also pursue specialized LL.M. degrees, exploring their areas of interest more thoroughly than they could in most J.D. or LL.B. programs. The LL.M. in Admiralty, LL.M. in Energy & Environment and LL.M. in International & Comparative Law programs are designed to give students in-depth education in specific fields of law. Some students use the LL.M. in American Law for a broad survey of U.S. law and allowing them to establish eligibility to take a state bar examination in the United States, where permitted by state bar authorities. Others use the General LL.M to concentrate in other areas in which the Law School offers curricular depth.

LL.M. degrees require one year of full-time study or two years on a part-time basis. Part-time study in the admiralty program is open only for attorneys practicing in the New Orleans area. Please e-mail admissions@law.tulane.edu or visit law.tulane.edu/tlsadmissions for application instructions and deadlines.

The S.J.D. track is a small and selective program, designed for students who already hold LL.M. degrees and wish to complete significant scholarly research by writing their dissertations. Our S.J.D. students’ dissertations focus on a variety of areas and must make original, significant contributions to legal scholarship.
Our community is key to our success, and Tulane leads in making service a focal point of the law school experience. Tulane was the first national law school to institute a pro bono service requirement, ensuring all students the opportunity to share their legal skills with the community. Founded in 1987, Tulane’s pro bono program has continued to grow, and graduates typically contribute more than 15,000 public service hours annually.

Tulane offers multiple avenues to explore public interest law.* Our pro bono program mutually serves the legal needs of the community and the educational needs of our students. By empowering students to engage in pro bono legal services, we produce young lawyers who bring a strong sense of public service into their practice and the profession. The program gives students the opportunity to step outside the theoretical realm of classroom discourse and into real-world legal practice, allowing them to hone professional skills while benefitting their community.

Each fall, the pro bono program holds a placement fair for second- and third-year students to meet attorneys and directors of legal aid organizations throughout the New Orleans area. The fair is an ideal opportunity for students to explore different public service options and choose the best work to complete their pro bono requirement.

Tulane also offers six clinical programs, ranging from civil litigation, criminal defense and juvenile representation to domestic violence defense, environmental law and legislative and administrative advocacy. These clinics provide not only invaluable experiences for our students but also vital services to the city of New Orleans. For example, the Criminal Litigation Clinic played a significant role in redeveloping the city’s criminal justice system after Hurricane Katrina.

Tulane offers additional service opportunities throughout New Orleans through externships in federal district court, bankruptcy court, the U.S. Attorney’s office and federal administrative agencies, including the National Labor Relations Board and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The law school also provides externship placements in a variety of non-profit and government organizations serving the public interest.

*Opportunities may differ for LL.M. students. Consult the Office of Admission for additional information.

law.tulane.edu/publicinterest
Adeola Dynekaye, L ’08
The Bronx Defenders
Bronx, New York

Adeola works with The Bronx Defenders, a practice providing criminal defense, family defense and civil legal services to indigent clients. She serves as litigation supervisor for the group’s criminal defense sector, coordinating trial practices of approximately 90 attorneys. She oversees trial management, advocacy training, trial data reporting and criminal defense trend analysis.

A native of Queens, New York, Adeola joined The Bronx Defenders after working for Judge Carl Stewart in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, where she focused on habeas corpus and death penalty cases. Before law school, she helped prepare civil rights cases for a Defender Service as a law student.

Brian Rosenblatt, L/MBA ’08
Vinson & Elkins
New York, New York

Brian handles mergers and acquisitions, private equity investments, capital markets and securities transactions and general corporate matters across many industries in his practice at Vinson & Elkins. In particular, he works with companies and investors in the energy and natural resources industries, facilitating transactions involving oil and gas exploration and production, pipelines, power generation, gas and electric utilities and renewable energy sources. Brian also focuses on transactional practice early on, and he enrolled in Tulane’s dual J.D./M.B.A. program to better understand the interplay between his clients’ legal and business needs. He also credits his dual degrees for providing him invaluable financial, accounting and management skills that he regularly uses in practice.

Although Brian was raised in Los Angeles, he moved to New York after finishing law school. He practiced in political science and international relations from Amherst College.

Brandon Goodell, L ’09
Delery Davis
San Francisco, California

Brandon runs a solo practice in the San Francisco Bay Area, specializing in real estate, foreclosure, commercial transaction, and title coverage litigation. A native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Nelson focused on environmental law during school, clerking at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Philadelphia and working in the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic. But his career path changed after graduation. He moved to California and began working in a busy consumer bankruptcy and foreclosure practice, where he gained extensive courtroom experience early on. One year later, he decided to found his own practice in the wake of the economic recession. Nelson said starting a solo practice was daunting at first, but he received invaluable guidance from his mentor, Robert Eisele (L ’78), whom he met by chance while getting his Tulane Law diploma framed. Nelson quickly established a thriving client base and has since helped dozens of people save their properties.

Michelle Lee, L ’09
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Los Angeles, California

In her role at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Michelle enforces the organization’s quality assurance program by ensuring officers apply immigration law property in the field. Michelle grew up in the Los Angeles area, and she returned to California after law school to join USCIS as an asylum officer, adjudicating roughly 400 complex immigration and asylum cases as part of a specially-trained team. Her job also stationed her processing refugees in Nepal and Jordan, then adjudicating more than 1,000 petitions to allow asylees’ relatives into the country at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. Michelle has had a long-term interest in international affairs; before law school, she earned her B.A. in political science and international relations from Amherst College.

Tulane Law understands that your preparation for legal practice is just as important, if not more so, than the knowledge you’ll gain in class. The Career Development Office will work with you closely to help you reach your professional goals at graduation, and it will continue working with you as you progress in your career. Staffed by five professional career counselors, the Career Development Office’s resources are available to all law students and alumni.

Tulane’s career development staff members serve as both generalists and specialists in practice areas and settings, covering the wide range of students’ professional interests. Internally, career counselors provide individual counseling to help students tackle the job search. The Career Development Office holds programs on legal positions in specific practice areas, from corporate to environmental law, and specific practice settings, from the private sector to government work. The counselors also conduct workshops on job search strategies, interviewing skills, and cover letters, interviewing skills and networking techniques.

Externally, career development staffers engage in local and national outreach to identify job opportunities and help you establish professional connections. They participate in specialty practice and minority job fairs, post up-to-date employment listings and hold on- and off-campus job interview programs. In addition, the Career Development Office arranges for alumni and practitioners to discuss their practice areas and possible job options with students.

To that end, Tulane Law has approximately 13,000 law students and alumni throughout the U.S., including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and another 1,000 in more than 100 countries abroad. That alumni network represents an invaluable resource to you as a student, as our alumni regularly advise and assist students embarking on their first legal jobs and developing their practices.

Further, Tulane Law graduates are hired nationwide, with approximately two-thirds of graduates finding employment outside Louisiana. Young alumni enter a mix of positions in private practice, business enterprises, government agencies, public interest organizations, courts and academia post-graduation.
Tulane Law offers the Juris Doctor degree, which you may earn on a full-time basis over three academic years. Students entering the J.D. program typically hold baccalaureate degrees from accredited educational institutions, but some exceptional students may be admitted upon completing three-quarters of the requirements for a four-year baccalaureate degree.

Tulane also offers a master’s degree (LL.M.) to students who hold or are in the process of completing J.D., LL.B. or equivalent law degrees. Students may earn their LL.M. degrees over one academic year or, for New Orleans attorneys seeking the admiralty LL.M., two years on a part-time basis. Additionally, Tulane offers the Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) to select students who already hold LL.M. degrees.

Complete and comprehensive information on admissions degree requirements can be found on the law school website.

We encourage both J.D. and LL.M. candidates to apply through the electronic application service offered by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC), www.lsac.org.

September 15: We begin accepting applications for the next year’s class
October 15: We begin processing applications
November 15: We begin reviewing applications
December 15: We begin announcing admissions and merit-based scholarships

J.D. INFORMATION
If you are applying to the J.D. program, you must complete the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) five years prior to enrollment and must register with the Law School Credential Assembly Service (CAS).

We suggest submission of up to three letters of recommendation or evaluations from individuals who know you and your capabilities well. We encourage and prefer use of the LSAC letter of recommendation service, which is included in the subscription to CAS.

We communicate admission decisions as they are made, although we do not necessarily make decisions in the order in which applications are received. However, we encourage you to apply as early in the application cycle as possible and preferably before March 1.

Multiple LSAT scores: When J.D. candidates take the LSAT more than once, we consider all test scores. However, we generally are able to give more weight to candidates’ highest scores when provided with a persuasive reason to do so.

Deferring admission: Candidates offered admission who wish to defer enrollment for one year are permitted to do so on a case-by-case basis.

For more detailed application instructions, please visit law.tulane.edu/tlsadmissions.

Scholarships
All applicants for admission are also considered for scholarship awards. The majority of scholarships awarded are merit-based. At least 75 percent of students in each incoming class receive scholarships, and the average scholarship is approximately $25,000 per year. Scholarship awards are renewable for the second and third years of law school to students who maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, which encompasses the top 75 percent of each class.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program
Tulane offers its own Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) to eligible graduates employed by qualifying public interest organizations. In addition, graduates employed by some Louisiana government agencies are eligible for loan repayment aid through two state grant-making organizations.

LL.M. AND S.J.D. INFORMATION
If you earned a law degree from an institution outside the United States, you may purchase the LSAC’s LL.M Credential Assembly Service (LLM CAS), which will compile and send your letters of recommendation, English proficiency scores (if applicable) and electronic applications to participating schools.

In addition to the LLM CAS, international applicants are strongly encouraged to purchase the International Transcript Authentication and Evaluation Service (ITAES). This includes evaluation and authentication of transcripts and mark sheets; copies of degrees and diplomas; degree and graduation certificates; and rank statements.

An English translation is required for all transcripts, mark sheets and related records for any education completed outside the U.S.

Candidates who earned their J.D. degrees from U.S. law schools need only purchase LLM CAS.

For more detailed application instructions, please visit law.tulane.edu/tlsadmissions.
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