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More than seventy student organizations serve a variety of student interests. There are organizations devoted to scholarship and legal practice (e.g., the three student-edited law journals, the Hinton Moot Court, and the student clinic board); there are organizations devoted to legal subjects of interest (e.g., Environmental Law Society, Intellectual Property Law Society), identity groups (e.g., Black Law Students Association, Christian Law Students), community outreach (e.g., Neighbors, Public Interest Law Society), and social activities (e.g., Law School Musical, Wine Mess).

The University of Chicago Law Review, founded in 1933, is one of the country’s preeminent legal journals. Managed and edited by students, The Law Review publishes articles and book reviews by leading scholars along with comments written by students. In addition to participating in the editing and publication of legal scholarship, staff members have the unique opportunity to develop their own skills as writers and scholars. The Law Review emphasizes student works; on average, half of each issue is devoted to student comments. In recent years, about 20 percent of the students in each first-year class have been invited to join The Law Review on the basis of either academic performance or excellence in an annual writing competition. Students may also join the staff during their second or third years by completing a publishable comment through the Topic Access program.

The University of Chicago Legal Forum is the Law School’s topical law journal. Its student board annually publishes a volume of articles (by academics and practitioners) and comments (by students) that focus on a single area of the law. Recent volumes include The Civil Rights Act at 50 Years, Frontiers of Consumer Protection; Combatting Corruption; Governance and Power; and Crime, Criminal Law, and the Recession. Each fall the Legal Forum hosts a symposium at which the authors of the articles present their work.

The Chicago Journal of International Law is a student-edited forum for discussion and analysis of international law and policy issues. CJIL is committed to publishing timely and concise scholarly work written by academics, judges, practitioners, policymakers, and students. The journal is published twice yearly, in the fall and spring.

The Hinton Moot Court Competition, founded in 1954 and named for Judge Edward W. Hinton (Professor of Law, 1913–36), is open to all second- and third-year students (except those third-year students who made it to the semi-finals
during the previous year). The competition provides students the opportunity to develop skills in brief writing and appellate advocacy. The focus of the preliminary autumn round is on oral argument. After studying the briefs and record of an actual case and participating in several practice arguments with student judges, each competitor must argue both sides of the case to panels of Law School alumni. Ten to twelve students advance to the semifinal round, where they brief and argue another case. A panel of faculty judges presides over the semifinal arguments and selects the four best advocates. In the spring, the four finalists work in teams on a new case and appear before a panel of distinguished federal judges. This panel selects the Hinton Moot Court champions and the Llewellyn Cup recipients. Semifinalists from the previous year constitute the Hinton Moot Court Board and organize and run the competition.

Students writing comments for any of the three student-edited journals or completing briefs as semi-finalists in the Hinton Moot Court competition, may receive up to three credits. See the Student Handbook for more details.

**The Law Students Association** is the student government organization and is comprised of five elected representatives from each class, one elected LL.M. representatives and one elected 2L transfer representative. The student body elects the President of LSA and the class representatives, and LSA itself then fills the remaining positions. LSA organizes extracurricular activities, funds student groups, and, through student liaisons, communicates student opinion on academic and other matters to faculty committees.

LSA supports a variety of student groups, including (but not limited to):

- the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), for students interested in exploring issues of civil liberty;
- the American Constitution Society (ACS), a local chapter of a national organization dedicated to maintaining a rigorous exchange of ideas about the law with a focus on its effects on the lives of ordinary people;
- Amicus, a group that provides networking and social opportunities for law students’ spouses, significant others, and children;
- the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of Asian-Pacific students in law school;
- the Black Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of African-American students in law schools;
- the Christian Legal Society, a group organized to discuss the relationship between legal education, the legal profession, and Christianity;
- the Criminal Law Society, which promotes exploration and discussion about the field of criminal law, hosts speakers holds networking events, organizes field
trips, provides career services programs, and engages in volunteer community
service;
the Dallin H. Oaks Society for student members of the Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints;
the Environmental Law Society, to discuss the legal aspects of environmental
issues;
the Federalist Society, a local chapter of a national society organized to discuss
political issues from conservative and libertarian perspectives;
the Intellectual Property Law Society, to promote student understanding of
intellectual property;
the International Human Rights Law Society, dedicated to learning about and
practicing international human rights law;
the International Law Society, an organization for students interested in the many
facets of public and private international law;
the Jewish Law Students Association, a group concerned with Jewish issues of legal
interest and legal issues of Jewish interest;
the Latino/a Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization
concerned with the interests of Latino/a students in Law School;
the Law School Democrats and the Law School Republicans, promoting political
awareness of issues and topics on the national, state, and local level;
the Law School Musical, an annual student musical with faculty guest appearances;
the Law Women’s Caucus, committed to understanding and improving the role of
women in law school, the legal profession, and society;
Neighbors, whose members spend two hours a week volunteering in the local
community and conduct quarterly service drives;
OutLaw, a group that provides support and sponsors programs regarding the legal
status of bisexuals, lesbians, and gay men;
the Public Interest Law Society, for students interested in public service issues;
Spring Break of Service, an organization of students who provide pro bono legal
services in areas of need during Spring Break;
the South Asian Law Students Association, concerned with the interests of South
Asian students of the Law School;
the St. Thomas More Society, a group that provides spiritual support for Catholic
students;
Wine Mess, which organizes the weekly cocktail party for faculty and students;
and the Women’s Mentoring Program, a program that pairs local alumnae with
current women students.
ATHLETICS

Graduate students at the University have a wide range of opportunities each year to participate in intramural activities, club sports, and instructional classes. All indoor and outdoor athletic facilities are open throughout the year to all students displaying a UChicago card. Spouses and domestic partners of students have access to facilities for a yearly fee. The athletic program provides men and women opportunities for instruction and participation in sports such as archery, badminton, gymnastics, handball, martial arts, rowing, squash, sailing, swimming, table tennis, track and field, and weight lifting. There are also hundreds of intramural teams and dozens of Sports Clubs participating in a wide variety of activities, including volleyball, soccer, softball, basketball, and ultimate Frisbee. The Law School excels at Intramural Sports and was the University’s Phoenix Cup Champion for the 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 academic years. The Phoenix Cup is awarded annually to the graduate program earning the most points in sanctioned University Intramural Activities throughout the academic year (by way of participation and place).

RELIGIOUS LIFE

A rich diversity of spiritual communities is represented among the student body, faculty, and staff of the University. Together they create a wide variety of religious programming open to all. Through the arts, worship, social action, and study they seek to engage the life of the spirit with the life of the mind.

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel is the center of religious activity for the wider University. Its staff both supports the programs of specific religious groups and itself creates programming of interest to the entire community. World-renowned musicians, clergy, scholars, performers, and activists challenge the University to envision more expansively the role of religion and the bounds of the sacred.

Community service projects encourage students to give concrete expression to their convictions. Interreligious dialogue enables participants to learn more about their own traditions by encountering others.

The independent religious organizations on campus offer innumerable opportunities for worship and fellowship within their own spiritual community. Cooperation flourishes among these organizations. Mutual projects for social uplift, conversations on the substantive issues that confront people of faith in our time—these activities and many more challenge each spiritual seeker to define for him or herself the path of greatest religious integrity.

The Spiritual Life Office (spirit.uchicago.edu/), a virtual office of Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, serves as the liaison to the University for each religious organization. Some groups maintain houses on the periphery of campus, others are attached to local places of worship, and still others meet independently in Ida Noyes Hall or elsewhere. Dr. Elizabeth J.L. Davenport, Dean of Rockefeller
Memorial Chapel, serves as Director of the Spiritual Life Office. Descriptions of many of the religious organizations are available at spirit.uchicago.edu/about/group.shtml.

CAREER SERVICES

The Office of Career Services offers comprehensive career services to students and graduates of the Law School. We welcome and encourage students and graduates to use the Office of Career Services to explore career options and to learn job search techniques that will serve them well in law school and throughout their professional careers.

Our professional staff members provide extensive individual career counseling to both J.D. and LL.M. students and graduates on all aspects of career planning and job search techniques. The Office of Career Services administers on-campus interview programs, with more than 400 employers in the fall program, followed by a smaller winter program. The office also co-sponsors or participates in numerous off-campus recruitment programs, conducts outreach to employers, and manages information about non-traditional opportunities for students and graduates. Approximately 1,000 term-time, summer, and permanent jobs are posted annually through our web-based job postings service. In addition to these job search services, the Office of Career Services coordinates the judicial clerkship application process and provides a database of judges to assist students during the application process. Throughout the year, the office conducts numerous informational and skill development programs.

Our Career Resource Center contains a variety of materials to facilitate student self-assessment and to design individual job searches. These materials include books, newspapers, periodicals, proprietary survey information, and online materials. We also work with our administrative colleagues to reach out to Law School graduates, both to provide Career Services support to those in need, and to encourage graduates to work with current students as mentors and advisors. We try, in short, to prepare our students to meet the various challenges and opportunities that await them in their professional careers.

Just over 98 percent of the Class of 2014 found employment within the tracking period: 65 percent entered private practice, 17 percent obtained judicial clerkships, 6.3 percent entered business, 11.2 percent obtained positions in public service and government, and less than 1 percent took a position in higher education. During the summer of 2014, 99 percent of the Class of 2015 were employed and one was engaged in Ph.D. coursework. The majority of these opportunities were in the private sector, approximately 10 percent of these positions were with government agencies and public interest organizations, and less than 1 percent were research assistants with professors. 100 percent of the Class of 2016 obtained employment in the summer of 2014. More than 44 percent of this class worked for government