

# STUDENT SERVICES

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## STUDENT LIFE

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

More than seventy student organizations serve a variety of student interests at the Law School, including organizations devoted to scholarship and legal practice (e.g., the four student-edited law journals, the Hinton Moot Court, and the student clinic board); 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, publishes eight times a year and 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*. Students also may 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 cutting edge 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 *Does Election Law Serve the Electorate?*; *Policing the Police*; *Law and the Disruptive Workplace*; *Law and Urban Institutions Ten Years After *The Wire**; *Law in the Era of #MeToo, What's the Harm?*; *The Future of the First Amendment*, and *Law for the Next Pandemic*. 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, and in winter quarter, holds a symposium from which to derive scholarship and to foster debate about the role and future of international law.

The *University of Chicago Business Law Review*, founded in 2021, is the Law School's newest journal. It publishes twice a year and is managed and edited by students. *UChiBLR* publishes articles covering business, corporation, and securities law, and related policy issues. Editors encourage authors to submit articles that are interdisciplinary in nature, particularly those that focus on economic analysis. In addition, journal members provide useful commentary about Delaware law by writing updates, summaries, and analysis of significant developments. Student editors also organize an annual Symposium from which to draw potential scholarship. The symposia focus on a new theme in business law each year, and articles for the two annual issues are sourced from it.

**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. Twelve to fourteen 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 four student-edited journals or completing briefs as semi-finalists in the Hinton Moot Court competition may receive up to three credits. Credits earned through participation on one of the Law School's student-edited journal or as part of the Hinton Moot Court competition count towards the 40 credits with core faculty graduation requirement. See the Student Handbook for more details.

**The Law Students Association** is the student government organization and is comprised of up to five elected representatives from each class, two elected LL.M. representatives and two elected 2L transfer representatives. 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 the Law School administration.

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;
- the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of Asian-Pacific American 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, for students interested in environmental protection;
- 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 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 Latinx Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of Latinx students in Law School
- 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;

the Muslim Law Students Association, committed to the social, cultural, religious, and intellectual needs of Muslim students;

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; and

the St. Thomas More Society, a group that provides spiritual support for Catholic 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, squash, sailing, swimming, table tennis, and track and field. The University hosts 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 University's 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), and the Law School was the University's Phoenix Cup Champion for the 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 academic years.

#### SPIRITUAL 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 spiritual and ceremonial center 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 themselves the path of greatest religious integrity.

The Spiritual Life Office ([spirit.uchicago.edu](http://spirit.uchicago.edu)), reports to Rockefeller Memorial Chapel and serves as a destination for all things spiritual and religious at The University of Chicago. 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. Rev. Dr. Maurice Charles, 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/get-involved/religious-spiritual-groups](http://spirit.uchicago.edu/get-involved/religious-spiritual-groups).

## 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 students and graduates on all aspects of career planning and job search techniques. The Office of Career Services administers several on-campus interview programs, with approximately 400 employers in the August program, followed by a virtual Public Service Interview Program, a smaller winter program for 1Ls, and ad hoc interviews arranged at employer request. 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. More than 2,000 term-time, summer, and permanent jobs are posted annually through our web-based job postings service. Throughout the year, the office conducts numerous informational and skill development programs.

Our Career Resource Center and on-line Job Search Guide contain a variety of materials to facilitate student self-assessment and career exploration and to design individual job searches. 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.

98 percent of the Class of 2020 found employment within the tracking period, and one student chose to pursue an advanced degree. Of those employed, almost 63 percent entered private practice, 31.2 percent obtained judicial clerkships, 5.5 percent obtained positions in public service and government, and 0.5 percent entered business. During the summer of 2020, a small number of students had their original summer job cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and all those who sought additional summer employment secured another position. For the Class of 2021, most opportunities – more than 83 percent – were in the private sector, 12.3 percent of these positions were with government agencies and public interest organizations, 3.2 percent were in the corporate sector, and 1.4 percent were research assistants for faculty. For the Class of 2022, more than 31 percent of the class worked for government agencies or public interest organizations, more than 33 percent were employed at the Law School as research assistants to faculty members or working in one of the Law School clinics, almost 22 percent of this class worked in the private sector at a law firm or business, and 13 percent accepted judicial internships.

## PUBLIC SERVICE CAREERS

The Law School is committed to training lawyers and scholars who are dedicated to the public good as well as professional excellence. While the institutional support that the Law School offers for students and graduates seeking public interest work is multifaceted, the common goal is to educate, inspire, and support present, former, and future students in their efforts to pursue a career that incorporates a commitment to public service work.

The Office of Career Services is designed to assist students interested in public service careers by providing a variety of career-related services including individual career counseling as well as informational and skill development programs. The Law School also supports a variety of public interest career-related programs developed by student-run groups including the Chicago Law

Foundation, Defenders, and the Public Interest Law Society. In addition, the resource center in the Office of Career Services houses a combination of hard copy and electronic materials to assist students and graduates who are pursuing public interest opportunities. Public interest-minded students also benefit from public interest speakers, faculty and public interest mentoring programs, a Public Interest Alumni Network, and an online index of public interest curricular offerings. The Office of Career Services is a member institution of PSJD which offers comprehensive, current information on a broad range of pro bono and public service opportunities for law students and graduates. The Office of Career Services also maintains public service list-servs for students and alumni interested in public service opportunities and information, and coordinates mentoring and networking opportunities between students and alumni.

Each year, Office of Career Services counselors assist students with the highly specialized applications for postgraduate project-based fellowships and Government Honors Programs. The Office also participates annually in several programs designed to connect students with prospective public interest employers including the Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Conference, the Chicago Area Law School Consortium Public Interest Organization Reception, and the Midwest Public Interest Law Career Conference. Each year, many public service employers come to our campus to recruit. Additional public interest employers who cannot visit our campus participate in a virtual Public Service Interview Program, or request that resumes be forwarded from first-, second-, and third-year students interested in summer or permanent positions. Many of the term-time, summer, and permanent jobs that are posted annually through our web-based job postings service come from public interest employers.

The Law School awards public service scholarships for entering students and public interest fellowships to graduating students, which allows them to spend a year working on public interest legal issues. The Law School also offers guaranteed funding for qualifying public service summer jobs for first-year and second-year students and administers a generous loan repayment assistance program for graduates engaged in public service. Through the Law School's Pro Bono Service Initiative, law students provide volunteer legal services to individuals and groups that are under-represented in the legal system. Participants not only serve those in need, but also gain valuable legal experience that contributes to their education and professional development. The Law School also fosters public service opportunities for students through the activities of its clinical program: the Abrams Environmental Law Clinic, the Civil Rights and Police Accountability Clinic, the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Clinic, the Employment Law Clinic, the Exoneration Project Clinic, the Immigrants' Rights Clinic, the Federal Criminal Justice Clinic, the

Housing Initiative Transactional Clinic, the Institute for Justice Clinic on Entrepreneurship, the Global Human Rights Clinic, the Jenner & Block Supreme Court & Appellate Advocacy Clinic, the Poverty and Housing Law Clinic, and the Prosecution and Defense Clinic.

## JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Chicago students are encouraged to consider completing their law study with the capstone experience of a judicial clerkship following graduation. A judicial clerkship offers a unique and challenging post-graduate opportunity to develop a relationship with a judge, to observe lawyers "in action," and to reflect on many of the novel legal issues of our time. In addition, for those interested in academic careers, a judicial clerkship is an important credential. Students interested in applying for judicial clerkships are aided by a faculty committee, the Office of Career Services, faculty and their assistants, programs, and resources in the Office of Career Services.

Our clerkships reflect the diversity of both our faculty and our student body. Our newly-minted graduates and alumni clerk throughout the country, in every part of the federal judiciary and in many state courts as well. Every year, it is the goal of the faculty and staff at the Law School that any student or alumnus who chooses to apply secures a clerkship, and we do everything we can to help make that happen. Each year, more than 100 students and alumni accept judicial clerkships.

## ACADEMIC CAREERS

To support those students interested in careers in academia, the Law School has curricular offerings designed for students to develop their publications portfolio and a Law Teaching Committee to assist students and graduates through the academic search process. In addition, the Law School hosts an annual conference for alumni preparing to go on the law teaching market.

## COMPUTING SERVICES

Computing services at the Law School are maintained and continually upgraded by the school's Office of Information Technology and the D'Angelo Law Library. These services are designed to facilitate student work in all areas of legal course work and research.

The Law School maintains public computer kiosks with printers on the 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th floors of the Law Library. These kiosks may be used to print, access email, and access the Internet, including legal research through Lexis/Nexis and Westlaw. **Note: Access to the Library public computers may be restricted due to COVID-19 related regulations.**

Most study areas in the Library are wired for connection to the campus network. Wireless network access is also available, except in the classrooms. Any student with a properly configured computer is able to access the Library on-line catalog, email, the Internet, campus network databases, Lexis/Nexis, and Westlaw.

Additionally, the University makes a number of different software packages available to students free of charge under a campus licensing agreement. Students can take advantage of free or low-cost access to Microsoft products, including operating systems and Office, and anti-virus software.

## HOUSING AND DINING

The University owns and operates a number of apartments in multiple buildings for the housing of graduate students. There are furnished apartments ranging in size from one and one-half to three and one-half rooms; the unfurnished units range from two to six and one-half rooms. In addition, Hyde Park has a number of rental apartments ranging from one to eight rooms in size, both in walkup and elevator buildings. Most law students prefer to live in or near University housing during their first year.

All inquiries concerning University owned and operated apartments should be addressed to Residential Properties ([rp.uchicago.edu](http://rp.uchicago.edu)).

### MEAL SERVICE

There are a number of places for students to dine on or near campus. See [dining.uchicago.edu](http://dining.uchicago.edu). Arrangements can be made by law students to purchase Maroon Dollars through the University that can be used in the Arley D. Cathey Dining Commons next to the Law School, and in all other dining facilities on campus. Further information and meal plans can be obtained through UChicago Dining, 773.702.1600, or at <https://dining.uchicago.edu/meal-plans/>.

### CHILD CARE

A wide variety of day-care and baby-sitting options are available in the Hyde Park-South Kenwood area. During the academic year, the Family Resource Center provides activities for the families of graduate and professional students, as well as referrals for various child care services. More information on the FRC is available at [grad.uchicago.edu/life-at-uchicago/family-resources/](http://grad.uchicago.edu/life-at-uchicago/family-resources/)

Hyde Park has excellent public, private, and parochial schools. Registration for public schools is based on neighborhood boundaries unless the school is a magnet school (open to children city wide via admissions lotteries) or unless a permit to attend is granted by the school. To ensure a place in a private or parochial school, enroll as early as possible (most schools are full by late summer).

For further information on nursery, elementary, and secondary schools, contact the Family Resource Center at 773.795.5437.

## UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO STUDENT HEALTH CARE HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The University requires all registered students to carry adequate health insurance to cover, among other costs, hospitalization and outpatient diagnostic and surgical procedures. Additionally, if the student resides in Chicago during the academic year, the insurance must cover medical care provided in the Chicago area for both emergency and non-emergency medical situations. In keeping with this requirement, each year all insurance eligible students are automatically enrolled in the University Student Health Insurance Plan (U-SHIP). Students may add dependents before the enrollment/waiver deadline. Students wishing to waive out of U-SHIP coverage must provide proof of alternate comparable coverage before the enrollment/waiver deadline. Students who do not waive the insurance by the deadline will remain enrolled in the U-SHIP plan and are responsible for the annual premium. Detailed information about the U-SHIP plan, can be found at <https://wellness.uchicago.edu/student-insurance/u-ship/>.

## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Under Illinois law, generally all new students are required to present proof of immunity from German measles, measles, mumps, tetanus/diphtheria, and Meningococcal (under age 22). The Student Health Service notifies all new students of the requirement and provides instructions for compliance. After the third Friday of the first quarter of enrollment, those students who are not yet compliant will have their subsequent registrations restricted and will not have their restriction lifted until they have become compliant with the immunization requirement. The Law School cannot provide an exemption to this Illinois state requirement, nor is the Law School able to assist in obtaining an appointment to receive needed immunizations. Student are urged to plan ahead and schedule an appointment as soon as possible to avoid having to get shots during final exams, etc.

All University of Chicago students are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 starting on the first day of the 2021 Autumn Quarter. This requirement applies to all students participating in in-person classes, research, or other activities in the U.S., with exemptions for religious or medical reasons. Proof of vaccination through medical records (or vaccine certification card) is required. Further details will be provided on the UChicago Student Wellness website.

Students may contact the Student Health Service at 773.834.WELL or visit <https://wellness.uchicago.edu/medical-services/immunizations/>.

## UNIVERSITY POLICIES

The Law School and its students are obliged to abide by the policies set forth by the University. These policies appear in the Student Manual of University Policies, available online at [studentmanual.uchicago.edu](http://studentmanual.uchicago.edu). Topics covered include:

- Civil Behavior in a University Setting
- Nondiscrimination Statement
- Policy on Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct
- Hazing Policy
- Protest and Demonstrations Policy
- Campus Violence Prevention Policy and Behavioral Intervention Team
- Disability Accommodations
- Graduate Student Parent Policy
- Dependent Policy
- Student Employment
- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Networking and Information Technology Policies
- Inventions and Discoveries
- Safety and Appropriate Use of Facilities
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Policy

