Your Future
The world looks to Columbia Law.

For more than 160 years, the unique confluence of our unparalleled location, intellectual vitality, and innovative spirit has prepared Columbia graduates to guide society forward.

Be ready when the world looks to you.

Live in the world's most dynamic city. Learn from top-notch legal scholars deeply engaged with real-world issues. Connect with exceptional classmates and a global alumni community. Lead the way through a fulfilling career in any field you choose.

“We train versatile professionals to forge a just society, leaders who are intellectually adventurous, emotionally intelligent, and actively engaged in solving the world’s problems.”

GILLIAN LESTER
DEAN AND THE LUCY G. MOSES PROFESSOR OF LAW
When you come to Columbia Law School, you become a New Yorker. You’ll find your home in the world's most diverse and vibrant city—the crossroads of culture, finance, advocacy, media, and law.
Your Neighborhood
Home is Morningside Heights on Manhattan’s historic Upper West Side, a friendly community with the vibe of a traditional college town. You will run into classmates and professors at the biweekly farmers market or at one of the countless restaurants in nearby Harlem. You can find tranquility and recreational opportunities at one of the three magnificent parks surrounding Columbia’s iconic campus. Everything you need for a full life is within walking distance.

Your University
You will enjoy all of the benefits of studying at an Ivy League institution, including an international student body with a global outlook, renowned professors at the top of their fields, and interdisciplinary excellence.

Your Opportunities
During your school year, venturing beyond Columbia by bus, bike, or subway is easy. It’s a short trip to your externship at the United Nations or a federal court, your internship at a district attorney’s office or the national headquarters of the ACLU or NAACP, or your job interview at a top law firm or NGO.

Your Leisure Time
Attend a Broadway show, a concert at Lincoln Center, or a basketball game at Madison Square Garden. Go with your classmates for brunch in Brooklyn or shopping in SoHo. Spend the day at the ocean or enjoy a ski weekend in upstate New York or Vermont.

“Columbia offers the perfect balance, with a rigorous academic environment in a great city. There is no better place to be.”

SHIV PATEL ’19
Columbia Law School offers innovative courses that address urgent issues in both emerging and traditional areas of law. You can develop practical lawyering skills by participating in clinics, externships, simulations, and policy labs. You will find opportunities to collaborate with scholars and practitioners to tackle real-world challenges through data science, advocacy, and litigation. You will learn to think critically and responsibly about the law and its impact on individual lives, judicial institutions, and global affairs.
Columbia Law professors are leading voices in the national conversation about the political and legal dynamics of the administrative state. At a time when the limits of federal, state, and private-sector authority—and the role of government itself—are being debated, our faculty members are producing important research that illuminates constitutional and statutory frameworks; the role of Congress, the executive branch, and the judiciary; and questions about separation of powers. The Center for Constitutional Governance explores these issues in a range of policy areas, including health care, civil rights, immigration, financial regulation, and national security.

Columbia Law School has a proud history of promoting justice and equality in the United States and around the world. Our faculty and alumni have had pivotal roles at social justice and human rights organizations, such as the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and Amnesty International. Our robust course offerings cover a range of issues, such as critical debates within the field of intersectionality studies and human rights reparations under domestic and international law. Through the Immigrants’ Rights Clinic and the Human Rights Clinic, as well as other experiential opportunities, students gain an upfront view of how the law can remedy systemic problems through impact litigation, direct-service representation, policy initiatives, and grassroots advocacy.

**Areas of Study**

- Administrative Law and Public Policy
- Civil Rights and Human Rights Law

**Human Rights Institute**

Founded in 1998, the Human Rights Institute (HRI) is one of the oldest and largest law school human rights centers in the world. An anchor for the human rights community at Columbia Law, HRI advances international human rights through education, advocacy, fact-finding, research, and scholarship. Partnering with communities and organizations, HRI promotes justice and accountability for human rights violations, strengthens human rights law and institutions, and builds collective power. For example, students have traveled to the Central African Republic to help a nongovernmental agency document war crimes and advocated on behalf of sexual assault survivors in Papua New Guinea.
Studying in one of the world’s financial capitals, Columbia Law students gain a deep understanding of corporate, securities, and transactional law. Taught by professors with unrivaled expertise and deep connections to top New York practitioners, students analyze the most pressing legal and organizational issues in both domestic and international spheres and in contexts ranging from multibillion-dollar enterprises to small businesses and nonprofit organizations. At Columbia, the tradition of studying developments in corporate law is brought to life by groundbreaking scholarship in areas such as bankruptcy, securities regulation, mergers and acquisitions, white-collar crime, and antitrust law, among others. Columbia’s Ira M. Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Ownership and the Richard Paul Richman Center for Business, Law, and Public Policy are hubs, hosting visiting scholars and sponsoring an array of events that bring to campus leading professionals from the worlds of business, law, and government.

The Law School is forging new paths in the teaching, scholarship, and practice of environmental law. The curriculum includes courses on U.S. environmental law, international environmental law, climate change law, energy regulation, environmental issues in business transactions, natural resources law, and animal law. Through the Environmental Law Clinic, students gain experience representing local, regional, and national organizations dealing with environmental challenges. Our Sabin Center for Climate Change Law works to create and advance legal responses to global climate change. A frequent collaborator with Columbia University’s renowned Earth Institute, the Sabin Center also offers students the opportunity to work as interns and research assistants.

DATA SCIENCE AND THE LAW
The data revolution is transforming every industry, including the legal profession. Columbia University’s Data Science Institute is at the forefront of research in this area, fostering collaborations across the university. Many of our professors use data science and machine learning in their research, and they are creating new interdisciplinary courses, such as Data and Predictive Coding for Lawyers and Cybersecurity, Data Privacy, and Surveillance Law.

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“I felt inspired by the professors here. They are really generous with their time, which is one of the reasons I love Columbia.”

EMILY REBECCA HUSH ’18
With courses covering the cultural and historical contexts of LGBTQ rights, queer theory, family law, and sexual rights claims in domestic and international contexts, Columbia is at the forefront of the study of gender and sexuality law.

**Gender and Sexuality Law**

New approaches to complex issues facing identity-based social justice movements. Columbia Law is also home to the country’s first clinical program focused on issues of gender and sexuality law, which provides students with opportunities to participate in impact litigation, legislative work, and community advocacy projects.

**Rapid advancements in technology, media, entertainment, and science have made intellectual property (IP) one of the most challenging, exciting, and controversial areas of contemporary law.** Columbia Law offers traditional courses such as Copyright Law, Patents, and Trademarks, as well as specialized courses focusing on internet law, communications policy, law and the arts, and privacy and the Constitution. Because of our New York City location, many seminars are taught by some of the world’s most prominent arts and IP lawyers. Our strengths in IP are bolstered by the Kernochan Center for Law, Media, and the Arts and by experiential offerings such as the Arts and Entertainment Law and Copyright Dispute Resolution externships.

**Intellectual Property Law**

Columbia University’s outstanding graduate and professional schools provide Columbia Law students with abundant opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary study and collaboration.

**Joint-Degree Programs**

- Business School
  MBA, three- and four-year programs
- Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
  M.S. in urban planning
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
  M.Phil. or Ph.D. in select programs
- Journalism School
  M.S.
- Mailman School of Public Health
  M.P.H.
- School of International and Public Affairs
  M.I.A., M.P.A., and special programs
- School of Social Work
  M.S.W.
- School of the Arts
  M.F.A. in theater management and producing

**“Scholars are more useful the closer they are to the facts of the world. New York City—a major market for commerce, communications, and science—is fertile ground for scholarship and practice in IP law and technology.”**

PROFESSOR TIM WU
AUTHOR OF THE ATTENTION MERCHANTS: THE EPIC SCRAMBLE TO GET INSIDE OUR HEADS
Columbia Law is an established leader in international and comparative law. Members of our faculty helped craft postwar institutions such as the United Nations, created the modern legal framework for global human rights law, and pioneered the study of foreign legal systems. Today, the Law School is at the forefront of thinking and policy behind issues of security, armed conflict, global human rights, trade, international arbitration, migration, global governance, and international finance, among other areas. Our centers and programs with a regional focus (including Chinese, European, Israeli, Japanese, and Korean Legal Studies) engage and host leading thinkers, scholars, and activists; take on pressing policy issues; and enable students to collaborate with faculty on cutting-edge research. In addition, our close ties with other law schools around the world enable students to study abroad as part of the J.D. experience.

Our national security law curriculum exposes students to the challenges facing government officials and policy advocates today. Many of our faculty members have held high-level government posts on both sides of the political aisle, allowing them to articulate the demands and difficulties U.S. officials face while balancing domestic law with national security issues and foreign policy concerns. Our National Security Law Program coordinates offerings in this area. Popular courses include Intelligence Law, Military Law and the Constitution, and National Security Investigations and Prosecutions. Students can join the National Security Law Society, which fosters close connections with faculty and practitioners through events and networking opportunities.

"Cybersecurity is an area where interdisciplinary research and the search for solutions are critical because the problems are partly technical, they are partly political, and they are partly legal. At Columbia, we have thinkers from all of those disciplines coming together."

PROFESSOR MATTHEW WAXMAN
FACULTY CHAIR, NATIONAL SECURITY LAW PROGRAM
Our students have an extraordinary array of options for finding an intellectual home here. Every day I see them working alongside their faculty mentors, making an impact on issues they care about, and seeking out new ideas and new challenges. It’s a joy and a privilege to teach—and to learn from—such talented students.”

PROFESSOR BERT HUANG
VICE DEAN FOR INTELLECTUAL LIFE
At Columbia Law School, we believe that every legal professional has a responsibility to serve, whether through human rights or social justice advocacy, a career in government or at a nonprofit, or pro bono lawyering at a private firm.

Our faculty members are renowned scholars with extensive experience in public interest and government service. They design courses and seminars that equip students with innovative approaches to advocate for social justice, as well as impart substantive knowledge of the law.

In addition to the robust curriculum, students have opportunities for fellowships, research, and hands-on work in public service. Columbia is home to important research centers, such as the Center for Public Research and Leadership, highly regarded academic journals like the Human Rights Law Review, and pro bono initiatives such as *A Jailhouse Lawyer’s Manual*, a guide for prisoners to pursue claims pro se. Student organizations help the community flourish by hosting service projects and events and coordinating mentoring programs.

Our diverse public interest community is anchored by our Social Justice Initiatives (SJI) office. SJI brings leading advocates to campus and provides support to students and graduates in pursuing public-sector career and professional development opportunities. SJI also administers our Guaranteed Summer Funding program, which provides funding for summer internships in the public sector, and counsels students who want to take advantage of Columbia’s generous Loan Repayment Assistance Program.
Experiential learning is infused into every piece of our curriculum; it’s a fundamental way we ensure that students become proactive, effective, and ethical lawyers.

From our extensive array of clinics, externships, and moot court competitions to offerings in simulations, labs, and workshops, experiential learning is central to a Columbia Law education. Under the guidance of full-time faculty members or distinguished practitioners, students gain hands-on training that prepares them for leadership roles in a variety of settings, including firms, nonprofits, government agencies, and academia.

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

**26 EXTERNSHIPS**
- Arts and Entertainment Law
- Constitutional Rights Enforcement
- Capital Punishment, Life Imprisonment, and Post-Conviction Relief
- Copyright Dispute Resolution
- Criminal Appeals
- Domestic Violence Prosecution
- Federal Appellate Court
- Federal Court Clerk: EDNY, SDNY
- Federal Prosecution: U.S. Attorney’s Office, EDNY, SDNY
- Government: Anti-Corruption
- Government: Semester in Washington, D.C.
- Holistic Defense With Bronx Defenders
- Immigration Defense
- Immigration Law and the Family Court
- Knight First Amendment Institute
- Law and Organizing for Social Change
- Lawyering for Social Justice
- Low-Wage Workers
- Neighborhood Defender Services of Harlem Community Defense
- New York Attorney General’s Office
- Pro Bono Practice and Access to Justice
- Representing NYC
- New York City Law Department
- Social & Environmental Justice
- Trusts, Wills, and Estate Planning
- United Nations

**15 SIMULATIONS & POLICY LABS**
- Advanced Bankruptcy: Deals and Issues in the Current Environment
- Advanced Real Estate Transactions
- Bioethics Mediation
- Complex Deal Structuring: Spin-offs and IPOs
- Constitutional Governance
- Data and Predictive Coding for Lawyers
- Electronic Evidence and Discovery Workshop
- Empirical Legal Studies Lab
- Introduction to Financial Valuation
- Law and Theater
- Lawyer Leadership: Leading Self, Leading Others, Leading Change
- Negotiation Workshop
- Schools, Courts, and Civic Participation
- Structural Change in Public Education
- Technology and Venture Capital

**12 CLINICS**
- Adolescent Representation
- Challenging the Consequences of Mass Incarceration
- Community Advocacy Lab
- Entrepreneurship and Community Development
- Environmental Law
- Health Equity & Social Justice Advocacy
- Human Rights
- Immigrants’ Rights
- Lawyering in the Digital Age
- Mediation
- Securities Litigation and Arbitration
- Sexuality and Gender Law

“The clinic allows students to combine the role of being a counselor for individual clients with being an advocate for systemic policy change. That’s exciting.”

PATRICIO MARTÍNEZ LLOMPART ’18 CHALLENGING THE CONSEQUENCES OF MASS INCARCERATION CLINIC PARTICIPANT
Columbia Law School fosters an ethos of inclusion and collaboration in a supportive, student-centered environment. Your remarkable classmates and professors will inspire you with their fierce intelligence, enlighten you with their unique perspectives, and impress you with their determination to make a difference. You will find allies, mentors, professional colleagues, and lifelong friends.
Columbia Law School students have a zeal for learning, a commitment to excellence, and a resolve to effect change in the world. They are endlessly curious, imaginative, mindful, and resourceful. Their broad range of backgrounds and experiences is integral to the social and intellectual life of our community.

YOUR CLASSMATES

“What surprises me about Columbia Law is the sheer number of daily opportunities to spend my time doing something incredible.”

EDWARD SMITH '19

“Being a part of the legacy of Columbia Law School is amazing. I am now amongst a cohort of leaders and change-makers and people we study in history books.”

PATRICIA OKONTA '18 (LEFT)

“Coming from a small liberal arts college, where everyone is collaborative and knows one another, I was surprised at how similar it felt here. The tone is set from the top, and it trickles down that Columbia is a place where everyone is going to succeed.”

SABRINA SINGER '18
You will have myriad opportunities to bond with your extraordinary classmates. Students come together for study and sports, for parties and pro bono work, and for exploration of New York City. You will make connections and friendships that will enrich, and likely define, your Columbia Law experience.

85+ STUDENT GROUPS, INCLUDING
American Constitution Society
Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
Black Law Students Association
Columbia International Arbitration Association
Columbia Law and Entrepreneurship Society
Columbia Law School First Generation Professionals
Columbia Law School Military Association
Columbia Law School Women’s Association
Columbia Society of International Law
Federalist Society
Latino/a Law Students Association
Middle Eastern Law Students Association
National Security Law Society
Native American Law Students Association
Outlaws (LGBTQ students)
OWLS (Older and Wiser Law Students)
Public Interest Law Foundation
Queer and Trans People of Color
Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
South Asian Law Students Association

From top: Dean’s Cup basketball game, Law Revue show, and Barrister’s Ball
A Columbia Law School education prepares you to lead. Whether you envision yourself at a law firm, a district attorney's office, a startup, or an international NGO, your Columbia degree positions you to succeed.
Columbia Law career advisers are with you from the beginning, providing career and professional development counseling that continues through your time in law school and beyond graduation. Our extensive alumni network and close connections with leading employers provide unrivaled access to a world of opportunities.

Our office of Social Justice Initiatives (SJI) serves as the hub for career advising, pro bono opportunities, and an array of events to support students and alumni interested in public interest law and government service. SJI helps students apply for fellowships and offers stipends for first- and second-year students to work for public interest organizations and government agencies. SJI regularly invites leading public servants and social justice advocates to speak on campus and hosts networking events and career skills workshops.

Public Interest Law and Government Service

Columbia Law’s Office of Career Services and Professional Development helps students and graduates explore opportunities in top law firms and businesses around the world. From the global to the boutique, from multi-national corporations to Silicon Valley startups, our counseling team will assist you in developing a career roadmap tailored to your goals, passions, and geographic preferences. From editing résumés to conducting mock interviews, they will guide you every step of the way. Over four days each summer, through our Early Interview Program, the most prestigious law firms interview our students in New York City and other major legal centers.

GUIDING YOUR FUTURE

Private Sector

YOUR NETWORK:
MORE THAN
25,000
ALUMNI IN
116
COUNTRIES

"Columbia shaped and enriched my life in ways that I am still realizing and continuing to appreciate."

ERIC HOLDER JR. CC ’73, LAW ’76
82ND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
One of the best ways to build a solid foundation for your legal career is by securing a clerkship in a state or federal court. At Columbia, we have a staff dedicated solely to clerkship counseling. They offer a variety of programs in which judges, faculty, and alumni share information about clerkship opportunities and experiences. In any given year, at least 100 Columbia Law School graduates begin judicial clerkships around the country.

For graduates seeking careers in the legal academy, our Careers in Law Teaching Program provides training and expert guidance. Professors work with students and graduates to develop their individual research agenda and scholarship in preparation for an academic career. Our semester- and year-long post-graduate fellowship programs allow fellows to participate in the intellectual life of the Law School and serve as a springboard for prestigious jobs at leading law schools around the world.

**Clerkships**

98.4%
OF 2017 GRADUATES EMPLOYED 10 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

- **Law Firm**: 84.8%
- **Public Interest**: 5.4%
- **Government & Clerkships**: 8.1%
- **Business**: 1.7%

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**Academic Careers**

RECENT GRADUATE TEACHING PLACEMENTS
- Boston College Law School
- Columbia Law School
- Georgetown University Law Center
- The George Washington University Law School
- Harvard Law School
- Princeton University
- Stanford Law School
- University of California, Berkeley School of Law
- University of Pennsylvania Law School
- University of Richmond School of Law
- University of Virginia Law School
- Wake Forest University Law School
- William and Mary Law School

“I would not have had the opportunities I was privileged to experience without the dedicated contingent of Columbia professors in my corner.”

ALYSSA BARNARD ’15

Barnard, an associate at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, will serve as clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg ’59 in 2019. Previously, she clerked for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.
Our Curriculum

FIRST-YEAR FOUNDATION CURRICULUM, 2018–2019

Civil Procedure
Students are introduced to the principal elements of the civil litigation process, including the major phases of a lawsuit, issues of standing and jurisdiction, the effects of prior adjudication, the role of the jury, and alternatives to formal adjudication. This course also covers pleadings, discovery, pretrial adjudication, pre- and post-trial motions, and remedies such as injunctions and punitive damages.

Constitutional Law
This course explores the architecture of the Constitution, the American tradition of judicial review, and theories of constitutional interpretation and enforcement. Students learn about the individual and group rights afforded by the Constitution, its amendments, and two centuries of judicial interpretation, and they consider the foundations of constitutional consent, authorization, and limitations on states and the federal government, including separation of powers.

Contracts
Contract law examines the nature of promises. Students explore how contracts are formed, interpreted, breached, and enforced. Contracts are considered within a range of contexts, such as the sale of goods or land and employment or family agreements. The legal doctrines governing contracts are also discussed in light of theories of justice, economic analysis, and other frameworks for evaluating public policy.

Criminal Law
Defining and administering the penal code is at the forefront of policy debates across the United States. This course considers crimes and defense strategies in light of the purposes of punishment (e.g., deterrence or retribution), the application and adjudication of law by the judicial system, and the role of criminal sanctions in modern society. The course also addresses the intersection of criminal law with criminology, jurisprudence, and social theory.

Foundation-Year Moot Court
To help students develop the core skills of legal practice, such as writing and delivering an argument, the Foundation-Year Moot Court requires each student to write a legal brief and argue the case orally in front of a panel of judges. Students also may choose to participate in one of many approved extramural moot court competitions in specialized areas of law, such as international or intellectual property.

Legal Methods I and II
Legal Methods I offers an intensive introduction to the legal system and case analysis. All students take Legal Methods I, and each section shares a virtually uniform curriculum. Legal Methods II builds upon that introduction, exposing students to important legal methods and jurisprudential, ethical, social, or cultural perspectives relevant to different areas of the law. Students have the opportunity to choose which section of Legal Methods II they take, depending on their own intellectual and professional interests.

Legal Practice Workshop I and II
In the fall semester, students are given intensive training in the research, writing, and analytical skills needed in legal practice through written assignments situated in practice contexts, seminar discussions, and personal conferences. The second part of the workshop, in the spring, emphasizes appellate advocacy. Students research, write, and argue an appellate brief through the Foundation-Year Moot Court program or one of the alternative extramural competitions.

Property
As a core social institution, property law poses fundamental questions about efficiency, fairness, the distribution of wealth, and the tension between public and private rights. This course examines the history and theory of ownership, government regulation, and the legal devices for allocation and development of resources. Questions about ownership of intellectual property (such as artistic and digital creations) are considered, and emerging issues, such as the ownership of body parts and cyberspace are also explored.

Torts
Tort law focuses on the common-law doctrines and precedents that assign duties of care and liability for non-contractual wrongs. This course considers negligence, the role of custom, malpractice, emotional and economic harm, causation, strict liability, products liability, nuisances, damages, defenses, and alternatives to litigation.

FIRST-YEAR ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS

First-year students are able to choose one elective course during the spring semester. Recent offerings have included:

- Advanced Contracts
- American Legal History
- Corporations
- Empirical Analysis of Law
- Federal Income Taxation
- Ideas of the First Amendment
- International Law
- Japanese Law and Legal Institutions
- Law and Legal Institutions in China
- Law and Neoliberalism
- Lawyering for Change
- Legislation and Regulation
- Transnational Litigation
- The United States and the International Legal System
Jurisprudence of War
Law and Legal Institutions in China
The Law of Genocide
Law of the WTO
Refugee, Migration, and Citizenship Law: A Comparative Perspective
Transnational Litigation
Seminars:
Art, Cultural Heritage, and the Law
Contemporary Challenges to the International Laws of War
Enforcing International Law
Extractive Industries and Sustainable Development
Fighting Corruption in Sports
Foreign Direct Investment and Public Policy
Geopolitics of Law and Conflict on the Korean Peninsula
International Economic Migration
International Humanitarian Law
International Human Rights Advocacy
International Investment Arbitration
International Lawyering for Governments
International Trade Regulation Issues
Labor Rights in a Global Economy
Practicing International Law
Russia in the International Order
U.S. Civil and Criminal Enforcement of International Cartels

Labor and Employment Law
Disability Law
Labor Law
Seminars:
Employment Discrimination Litigation

Legal History and Philosophy
Ideas of the First Amendment
Legal Theory Workshop
Seminars:
Animal Law
Biblical Jurisprudence
Contemporary Critical Thought
Extraterritorial Constitutional Law:
History, Theory, Doctrine
Foundations of Practical Thought
Jewish Law and Business Ethics
Law and Philosophy
The Legal History of American Slavery
Native American Law
Sovereignty, Human Rights, Judicial Review

Legal Profession and Professional Responsibility
Lawyer Leadership: Leading Self, Leading Others, Leading Change
Professional Responsibility
Seminars:
Advanced Federal Prison Litigation
Advanced Negotiation Workshop
Appellate Advocacy
The Changing World of Large Law Firms
Exploring the Role of the General Counsel
Law Firm Financial Management
Law, Justice, and Reflective Practice
Legal and Ethical Obligations in Complex Litigation
Professional Responsibility: Becoming a Lawyer
Representing Nonprofit Organizations
A Lawyering Skills Simulation Course
Trial Skills: Immigration
National Security Law
Seminars:
Cyberspace, Data Privacy, and Surveillance Law
National Security Law and Policy: Case Studies

Property, Real Estate, and Trusts and Estates
Real Estate Development
Real Estate Finance
Trusts and Estates
Seminars:
Advanced Real Estate Transactions
Drafting and Negotiating Commercial Real Estate Documents
Drafting Wills and Trusts
Real Estate M&A and Restructuring Deals Workshop
Racial, Economic, and Social Justice
Educational Equality: The Role of Law
Immigration Law
Law, Culture, and Notions of Justice
Seminars:
Access to Justice: Current Issues and Challenges
Adolescence
Civil Rights Lawyering in the Modern Era:
Theory and Practice
Critical Race Theory Workshop
Law and Policy of Homelessness
Schools, Courts, and Civic Participation
Structural Change in Public Education Policy and Social Change Lab
Vision, Action, and Social Change
Taxation
Corporate Taxation
Federal Income Taxation
International Taxation
Partnership Taxation
Taxation of Financial Instruments
Seminars:
Tax Deals Workshop
For detailed and up-to-date course descriptions, please refer to our online curriculum guide (law.columbia.edu/courses).

“As a proud alumna and having served as dean of admissions for more than 15 years, I can say with certainty that Columbia is a very special place to pursue a legal education: We provide exceptional legal training to remarkable students in an incomparable location.”

NKONYE IWEREBON ’93
DEAN OF ADMISSIONS
**FINANCING YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION**

Admissions decisions at Columbia Law School are made without regard to an applicant’s financial need. Therefore, grant applications are reviewed only after a student has been admitted. If you are interested in grant assistance, you must complete your application as early as possible so that it can be evaluated soon after you have been admitted. Students admitted under the Early Decision Plan are reminded that they should not expect to be notified of their financial aid package before the end of March, at the earliest.

We strongly recommend that all applicants file the required forms no later than February 15, even if they have not yet received an offer of admission.

The Law School awards grant assistance primarily on the basis of demonstrated financial need. However, there are a number of fellowships that are not based on need that are awarded at the time an applicant is admitted to the Law School. There is no separate application for these fellowships. Each year a substantial portion of the entering class receives a Law School grant in the form of a partial tuition waiver. However, the majority of law students utilize educational loans to finance their expenses in whole or in part.

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**2018–2019 TUITION AND EXPENSES**

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Total expenses, including tuition and student fees, are estimated at $97,850. Budget components are adjusted annually.

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**THE LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Columbia Law School’s Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) supports Columbia J.D. graduates who pursue public interest and public service careers by providing them with financial assistance to service the educational debt they assumed while at the Law School.

In addition to the traditional LRAP, participants may elect to participate in both the Columbia Law School LRAP and the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

All Columbia J.D. graduates in qualifying employment are entitled to its generous assistance, and there is no salary cap. In some cases, graduates who demonstrate exceptional dedication and potential for contribution to the public good are awarded public interest fellowships, which provide enhanced loan repayment assistance to the fellows.

*For more information, please visit law.columbia.edu/finaid.*

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**LRAP SUMMARY**

Participants are not expected to contribute to annual loan payments if calculated income is less than $50,000.

Graduates may elect to participate in the Columbia Law School LRAP, the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, or a combination of the two programs.*

Graduates may join the program up to seven years after graduating.

LRAP loans are partially forgiven from years three to five and fully forgiven on an annual basis in years five to 10.

Spousal educational debt service up to $10,000 may be included in the repayment formula.

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