Massachusetts School of Law’s mission is to provide a high quality, practical, and affordable legal education to deserving persons who have been unfairly excluded from law school.

The school seeks to give these persons access to the societal advancement that is available, in law and other fields, to people with legal degrees.

To accomplish its mission, Massachusetts School of Law serves persons from working class backgrounds, minorities, mid-life individuals who seek to change careers, middle class people and immigrants.

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The many reforms MSLAW has pioneered include:

- Admitting people on the basis of their entire life-record and their considered aspirations instead of on the basis of LSAT scores.
- Providing students with extensive training in the practical professional skills needed by practicing lawyers, and enhancing practical education with intellectual theory by ensuring that sociological, economic, political, and other ideas underlying fields of law are specially discussed in every course.
- Keeping law school costs down so that tuition can be kept low—MSLAW’s tuition is less than half of the average tuition of other New England law schools.
- Using these admissions and financial policies to make law school accessible to minorities, immigrants and members of the working class, all of whom have largely been excluded in the last 40 years, and to members of the middle class, who increasingly have been shut out in recent years.
- Providing small classes which currently average approximately 12 students per class; ensuring that there will be extensive student-faculty contact outside the classroom; giving students extensive, closely supervised instruction in writing and speaking.
- Incorporating oral presentation skills into numerous courses.
- Stressing ethics by incorporating them into every substantive course. MSLAW professors underline the prevalence of moral issues in law by bringing up moral questions in every course.
- Using expert judges and lawyers—who bring practical knowledge rather than just academic knowledge to the classroom—as an integral part of the faculty.

This extensive menu of innovations pioneered by MSLAW makes clear why the school has been and remains the leader of reform in legal education—which has badly needed reform for at least fifty years. Other schools have individually picked up on and are using some of the same reforms, but there is no school which has instituted so many of them, or has instituted them so quickly and effectively.

Massachusetts School of Law at Andover is unique. With regard to career satisfaction, there are alternate ways to obtain such satisfaction after graduating from law school. A significant number of MSLAW graduates use the abilities developed in law school to advance their careers in government or business. But most of MSLAW’s graduates choose to practice law, often in their own local communities.

The practice of law, especially in your own community, can be a great deal of fun, because lawyers are paid for talking, thinking, planning and writing—abilities which are honed by reforms instituted at MSLAW. But for the practice of law to be fun, and satisfying, you should enter the field because you want to help people.

The fun and the satisfaction accrue mainly to those whose goal is to help others rather than to those whose goal is to make four or five hundred thousand dollars a year. The reforms instituted by MSLAW give students the intellectual and practical tools needed to assist others—and to be happier persons because they are doing so.
After it began operation in August 1988, Massachusetts School of Law at Andover sought approval from the Massachusetts Board of Regents. The Regents authorized Massachusetts School of Law to grant the degree of Juris Doctor in May 1990, only twenty-one months after the school opened its doors. Because of the Regents’ approval, MSLAW graduates are eligible to take the state bar examination and, upon passage, to be admitted to the bar in Massachusetts. In December 1997, the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEAS&C) awarded accreditation to the Massachusetts School of Law.

MSLAW students are eligible to take the bar immediately upon graduation in Massachusetts and in Connecticut. After passing Massachusetts they are immediately eligible to take the bar exam in New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Wisconsin, California, West Virginia and Maryland. In addition, there are a number of jurisdictions where MSLAW graduates are eligible to take the bar after practicing for the period of time listed below.

### Jurisdictions where MSLAW graduates may be admitted to the bar:

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The Computer lab contains two high-speed printers. Copying and printing require the purchase of a $10.00 copy card. Each card is worth 100 copies. Cards may be purchased at the reserve desk.

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Full-time students normally take fifteen credit hours per semester, while part-time students take eleven to twelve credit hours. Students may take no more than five courses per semester.

Any student who has completed at least two semesters, and has a grade point average of at least 2.7 in officially released grades, may take up to seventeen credit hours.

In their last semester, students may not take more than twelve credit hours.

FIRST-YEAR COURSES
FULL-TIME STUDENTS

• Civil Procedure and Conflict Resolution
• Contracts
• Criminal Law
• Criminal Procedure
• Property
• Writing and Legal Research
• Torts
• Writing for Lawyers/Writing and Legal Reasoning

PART-TIME STUDENTS

• Civil Procedure and Conflict Resolution
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• Property
• Writing and Legal Research
• Torts
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REQUIRED COURSES

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• Business Associations
• Comparison of Massachusetts and National Law
• Constitutional Law (must be taken during the second year)
• Criminal Law (Part-Time Program)
• Criminal Procedure (Part-Time Program)
• Evidence (must be taken during the second year)
• Legal Ethics and the Culture of Law
• Writing and Legal Advocacy
• Writing and Legal Practice
• UCC

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• Conveyancing
• Family Law
• Individual Taxation
• Remedies
• Wills and Trusts
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A student who is concentrating must take eighteen course hours in the subject, with no more than two required courses counting towards the eighteen-hour requirement, and in addition must either take a clinic in the concentration or write an independent research paper in it.

Courses offered for a concentration in Litigation:
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Case Preparation and Strategy
- Civil Procedure and Conflict Resolution
- Complex Litigation
- Conflict of Laws
- Criminal Appeals
- Criminal Procedure
- District Court Practice and Procedure
- Evidence
- Interviewing and Counselling
- Medical Malpractice
- Writing and Legal Practice
- Massachusetts Evidence
- Negotiation in the Legal Context
- Oral Advocacy and Communication
- Products Liability
- Prosecution and Adjudication
- Mediation, Conciliation and Negotiation Skills Training
- Writing and Legal Practice

Courses offered for a concentration in Criminal Law:
- Case Preparation and Strategy
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- Evidence
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- Interviewing and Counselling

Courses offered for a concentration in Family Law:
- Aging and the Law
- Aging and Healthcare Decisionmaking
- Asset Protection and Planning
- Civil Procedure and Conflict Resolution
- Constitutional Law
- Drafting Wills and Trusts
- Family Law
- Family Law Advocacy Clinic
- Family Law Mediation and Negotiation
- Financial Planning for the Family
- Individual Taxation
- Interviewing and Counselling
- Juvenile Law
- Law and Psychiatry: Civil and Criminal Aspects
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- Negotiation in the Legal Context
- Wills and Trusts

Courses offered for a concentration in Real Estate:
- Local Government Law
- Property
- Real Estate Financing
- Real Estate Taxation
- Conveyancing
- Contracts
- Drafting Contracts and Agreements I & II
- Environmental Law
- Landlord-Tenant Law
- Land Use Regulation

Courses offered for a concentration in Business and Corporate Law:
- Accounting for Lawyers
- Banking Law
- Bankruptcy Law
- Business and Economic Aspects of the Law
- Business Associations
- Business Negotiations and Agreements
- Contracts
- Corporate Tax
- Corporate In-House Counsel
- Creating and Representing New Businesses
- Drafting Contracts and Agreements I & II
- Financial Institutions
- Franchise Law
- International Business Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- UCC

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- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Associations
- Collective Bargaining & Arbitration
- Drafting Contracts and Agreements I & II
- Employment Discrimination Law
- ERISA Federal Labor Rights Labor Arbitration
- Massachusetts Workers’ Compensation
- Private Sector Labor Law
- Public Sector Labor Law
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- Torts
- Worker’s Compensation & Social Security Disability Payments
- Public Employer Bargaining

Courses offered for a concentration in Finance and Asset Management Law:
- Asset Protection and Planning
- Finance Planning for the Family
- Individual Taxation
- Estate Taxation
- Bankruptcy Law
- Creating and Representing New Businesses
- Drafting Wills and Trusts
- Insurance Law
- Aging and the Law
Courses offered for a concentration in Intellectual Property, Media and Information Law:
- Intellectual Property
- Internet Law
- Entertainment Law
- Drafting and Prosecuting Trademarks & Patent Applications
- Introduction to E-commerce
- Introduction to Telecommunications Law
- Copyrights and Trademarks
- First Amendment Issues
- Contracts
- Property
- Drafting Opinion Letters
- Drafting Contracts and Agreements I & II
- Administrative Law
- Business Negotiations and Agreements
- Computer Law
- Patent and Trademark Technology
- International Business Transactions
- Remedies

Courses offered for a concentration in Civil Litigation:
- Civil Procedure and Conflict Resolution
- Advanced Litigation Skills
- District Court Practice and Procedure
- Case Preparation and Strategy
- Medical Malpractice
- Products Liability
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Writing and Legal Practice
- Massachusetts Evidence
- Negotiations in the Legal Context
- Oral Advocacy and Communication
- Law and Psychiatry: Civil and Criminal Aspects

Courses offered for a concentration in Environmental Law:
- Environmental Law
- Advanced Environmental and Maritime Issues
- Land Use Regulation
- Conveyancing
- Property
- Local Government Law
- Administrative Law
- Contracts
- Drafting Contracts and Agreements I and II
- Drafting Opinion Letters
- Constitutional Law

Courses offered for a concentration in Juvenile Law:
- Family Law
- Family Law Advocacy Clinic
- Criminal Law
- Education Law
- Juvenile Court Practice
- Criminal Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Interviewing and Counseling
- Law and Psychiatry
- Negotiations in the Legal Context
- Remedies

Courses offered for a concentration in Communication:
- Sports and Entertainment Law
- Intellectual Property
- Copyrights and Trademarks
- Baseball and the Law
- First Amendment Issues
- Contracts
- Introduction to the Internet

Courses offered for a concentration in Land Use and Planning:
- Land Use Regulation
- Local Government Law
- Environmental Law
- Property
- Administrative Law

- Wills and Trusts
- Business Litigation
- Administration of Estates
- Contracts
- Property
**CLINICAL LAW PROGRAM (3-6 credits)**

The Clinical Law Program permits students who have completed at least 45 credit hours (and who have not been on academic probation for at least two semesters) to assist in the practice of law in a law school clinic under the supervision of a member of the bar.

The Clinical Law Program affords students the opportunity to begin the transition from law school to law practice, from learning to be a lawyer to being a lawyer. Students practice law under the close and supportive supervision of a member of the faculty, adjunct faculty, legal service office, or Bar Association. The practice in the clinic includes civil, criminal law, domestic, administrative, or real property matters and may include supervised appearances before courts, administrative agencies, legislatures, and other officials. Students will be counselors, negotiators, advocates, and problem solvers for their clients. Students are required to meet regularly with the supervising attorneys to review the work that has been done and to plan the strategy to accomplish the client's purposes. In the classroom component, the clinical course students learn the substantive and procedural law they must know to practice in the area of their special concentration, and they study the tasks of lawyering. In this setting students explore the theory, practice, and ethics of interviewing, counseling, advocating, and the full range of lawyer tasks in which they are engaged. Through this personal experience, supervision and coursework, students have the opportunity to think reflectively about the legal profession, about their work as lawyers and about the role of lawyers in a just society.

**JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (3 or 6 credits)**

Selected students work with Superior, District, and Probate Court judges in Massachusetts, researching and writing memoranda and decisions, and assisting judges during hearings and trials.

Prerequisites: 45 credits, Evidence, not on academic probation during the prior 2 semesters, a grade point average of at least 2.5, and certification under Rule 3.03.

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**JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS**

**MSLAW/NICHOLS COLLEGE JOINT JD/MBA DEGREE PROGRAM**

The Nichols College Graduate MBA Program and MSLAW have entered into an agreement which permits their students to work toward MBA and JD degrees simultaneously.

MSLAW and Nichols College Graduate students will be able to credit six hours of courses given by MSLAW toward both degrees, as well as an additional six hours of courses given either by Nichols at MSLAW, by MSLAW at Nichols, or team taught at either institution by faculty members of both institutions.

The courses given by MSLAW which can be credited toward both degrees include:
- Ethics & Management
- Tax Basis for Management Decisions
- Monetary and Fiscal Policy
- International Perspectives: Business, Government & Regulation
- Environmental Issues and Corporate Policy
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Issues and Public Policy

The courses given by Nichols which can be credited toward both degrees include:
- Legal Environment of Business Leadership
- Business Associations
- Creating and Representing New Businesses
- Financial Institutions
- International Business Transactions
- Franchise Law
- Business Negotiations and Agreements
- Corporate Taxation
MSLAW/NICHOLS COLLEGE
SIX-YEAR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

Nichols College and Massachusetts School of Law have entered into a joint degree agreement, which permits students wishing to pursue a career in law to complete their educational requirements in six years, rather than the typical (and more expensive) seven years. Students admitted to Nichols College may simultaneously take courses at MSLAW and Nichols at no additional tuition charge, gaining the benefits of Nichols’ liberal arts curriculum while easing into the rigors of law school. Similarly, MSLAW students can take advantage of upper level courses offered at Nichols College to expand the breadth of their scholarship. Students enrolling in and successfully completing the joint degree program will receive a B.A. from Nichols College and a J.D. from MSLAW.

The six-year program provides students who have traditionally been excluded from legal education with a tremendous opportunity to obtain a law degree more affordably than elsewhere. In the joint degree program, Nichols students spend the first three years of their studies at the Nichols campus. During the fourth year, they enroll in a senior seminar and two senior projects at Nichols, as well as 21 credit hours of first-year classes at MSLAW. Credits earned at MSLAW are applied to Nichols’ degree requirements. Students then spend their final two years in the program at MSLAW to earn their J.D. Students choosing to pursue a work or non-classroom experience after the fourth or fifth year may apply for a leave of absence to gain valuable real world experience before completing their degrees.

MSLAW/NEWBURY COLLEGE
SIX-YEAR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

Newbury College and MSLAW have entered into a joint degree program which allows qualified students interested in pursuing a legal career to earn their B.S. and their J.D. in six years, instead of the usual seven years. Students enrolled in the program complete a 97-credit course of study at Newbury College before matriculating to MSLAW. This accelerated program allows students to pursue a legal career a year earlier than would otherwise be possible, while at the same time saving students significant tuition costs.

MSLAW/FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE
JOINT JD/MBA DEGREE PROGRAM

The Fitchburg State College Graduate MBA Program and MSLAW have entered into an agreement which permits their students to work toward M.B.A. and J.D. degrees simultaneously. MSLAW and Fitchburg State College Graduate students will be able to credit six hours of courses given by MSLAW toward both degrees, as well as an additional six hours of courses given either by Fitchburg State, by MSLAW at Fitchburg State, or team taught at either institution by faculty members of both institutions.
ACCOUNTING FOR LAWYERS (2 credits)
Focuses on financial accounting topics important to a practicing attorney. It introduces students to accounting principles, and covers such matters as interpreting financial statements, the relationship of financial accounting to income tax accounting, and accountant malpractice.

ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES (3 credits)
Covers the administration of estates, including the probate process, inventories, accounts, will contests, estate tax returns, and sale of real estate, with particular emphasis on the rights, duties, and liabilities of fiduciaries. Prerequisite: Wills and Trusts.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (3 credits)
Analyzes the regulatory, adjudicatory, and policymaking powers of federal, state, and local government agencies and their effect on private interests.

ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME LAW (3 credits)
Analyzes the many issues faced in maritime law, including torts, contracts, state and local environmental laws, and international treaties.

ADVANCED LITIGATION SKILLS (3 credits)
Focuses on the skills needed to effectively represent clients in complex litigation settings.

AGING & HEALTHCARE DECISIONMAKING (3 credits)
Deals with related healthcare decisionmaking issues such as informed consent, refusal of treatment, competency, decisionmaking for incompetent people, and assisted suicide.

AGING AND THE LAW (3 credits)
Explores the wide range of legal issues facing the elderly, including health insurance, medicaid planning, durable powers of attorney, and social security regulations.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (2 credits)
Deals with mediation, arbitration, and other alternative methods of resolving disputes.

ANIMAL LAW (3 credits)
Animal law is a broad and rapidly expanding field and is an integral part of social policy and the law. The course provides diverse examples of cases and circumstances in which the unique aspects of animals and law converge and should stimulate thought about recurrent animal law themes.

ASSET PROTECTION AND PLANNING (2 credits)
Explores the planning opportunities under federal and state law to shield individual assets from creditors, taxing authorities, and other interested parties.

AVIATION LAW (3 credits)
Provides an historical perspective of the origins of aviation law, and then focuses upon tort law, manufacturers liability, governmental responsibility, and the role of the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board.

BAIL TO JAIL (3 credits)
Examines the criminal procedure process from arrest and arraignment through sentencing.

BANKING LAW (2 or 3 credits)
Provides an overview of the roles of federal agencies and also covers charter requirements, bank deposits and accounts, bank collections, commercial and real estate lending, and consumer transactions.
BANKRUPTCY LAW (3 credits)
Deals with the policies and legal principles of the federal bankruptcy laws. Focus is placed on claims cognizable in bankruptcy, the rejection and assumption of executory contracts, automatic stays, Chapter 11 reorganizations, “fresh start” rules, jurisdiction, and other matters.

BASEBALL AND THE LAW (3 credits)
Within the context of baseball, focuses upon antitrust laws, organized labor, collective bargaining, standard contracts, tort law, intellectual property, and franchise relocation.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE LAW (3 credits)
Examines the interaction between law and economic theory and analysis. The first part of the course focuses on the role of economics in the judicial and legal process and the influence it has in the development of substantive law. The second part of the course focuses on the economic impact of law on products, businesses, markets, and economic development. The course addresses complex questions involving antitrust, taxation, the environment, and the role of lawyers in the economy.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS (3 credits)
Examines the legal rules governing the personal and business relationships which arise in agency relationships, partnerships, and corporations.

BUSINESS LITIGATION (3 credits)
Focuses on the trial tactics and strategies involved in representing businesses as plaintiffs and defendants in commercial litigation.

BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS (3 credits)
Focuses on business negotiations and the drafting of complex business arrangements.

CASE PREPARATION AND STRATEGY (3 credits)
A study of the actions taken and strategies used in a lawsuit from the time a lawyer is first contacted by a client to the end of a trial. Prerequisite: Evidence.

CIVIL PROCEDURE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION (4 credits)
A study of the procedural rules governing civil litigation and the methods used to resolve legal disputes.

CIVIL RIGHTS (2 credits)
Examines the history and development of civil rights in federal and state courts.

CLINIC (3 or 6 credits)
In the clinic course, upper level students obtain “hands-on” experience working in various legal settings in the public and private sectors. Prerequisites: 45 credits, Evidence, not on academic probation during the prior 2 semesters, and certification under Rule 3.03.

COMPARISON OF MASSACHUSETTS AND NATIONAL LAW (6 credits)
Examines the laws of Massachusetts and sister states and helps prepare students for the bar examination.
COMPLEX LITIGATION (3 credits)
Focuses on the procedural issues encountered in litigation involving multiple parties and cases.

COMPUTER LAW (2 credits)
Focuses on the legal issues surrounding the creation, use, and transfer of computer hardware and software, including computer crime and the protection of privacy.

CONFLICT OF LAWS (2 or 3 credits)
Concerns choice of laws, the bases for judicial and legislative jurisdiction, and recognition of foreign judgments.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (4 credits)
Explores the reach of federal power, its relation to the powers of the states, and the civil rights of individuals that are protected by and from governmental power.

CONSUMER RIGHTS (3 credits)
Deals with the protection of consumer interests. It deals with such topics as truth in lending, warranties, credit advertising, billing practices, credit cards, debt collection, credit reports, and false, unfair, and deceptive practices.

CONTENTIOUS CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ISSUES (2 credits)
Explores selected topics associated with Constitutional criminal procedure such as Fourth Amendment issues, the exclusionary rule, and the reach of Miranda, in the context of effective trial and appellate advocacy.

CONTRACTS (5 credits)
Deals with the elements and requirements of contracts and with questions relating to the enforcement of contracts.

CONVEYANCING (3 credits)
Considers all aspects of real estate transactions, including negotiations, contracts, title requirements, delivery of closing documents, and post-closing remedies.

COPYRIGHTS AND TRADEMARKS (2 credits)
Analyzes the legal protections afforded artistic creativity. It examines the rights, formalities, and varied subject matter involved in copyright and trademark law, with particular emphasis on emerging legal doctrines.
CORPORATE TAXATION (3 credits)
Examines the rules governing federal income taxation of business corporations.

CREATING A SMALL OR SOLO PRACTICE (2 credits)
Analyzes the small or solo practice as an occupational alternative. The pros and cons of going it alone or associating with other solo practitioners are thoroughly reviewed. The complications and stress which universally attend partnership are explored in depth.

CREATING AND REPRESENTING NEW BUSINESSES (3 credits)
Examines the business problems entrepreneurs face in creating and successfully operating new businesses.

CRIMINAL APPEALS (2 credits)
Focuses upon successful advocacy in writing and arguing appeals of criminal cases.

CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC (3 credits)
Teaches students how to defend criminal cases in Massachusetts.

CRIMINAL DEFENSE STRATEGIES (3 credits)
Focuses on strategies employed to successfully represent criminal defendants in cases currently being litigated.

CRIMINAL LAW (3 credits)
Focuses on the elements of crimes and their defenses.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (3 credits)
Analyzes procedural questions relating to criminal law, including such constitutional issues as self-incrimination, search and seizure, right to counsel, and admissibility of confessions.

CYBERSPACE & INTERNET LAW (3 credits)
This course explores legal challenges presented by the Internet, communications, and information technologies. Addresses the interaction of emerging legal and technological rules for the Information Society of the 21st Century. Topics include governance, jurisdiction, intellectual property, privacy, and electronic commerce.

DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE (3 credits)
Taught by district court judges, this course focuses upon effective advocacy in Massachusetts District Courts.

DISTRICT COURT PROSECUTION (3 credits)
Taught by an assistant district attorney, this course focuses on effective advocacy in Massachusetts District Courts.

DRAFTING & PROSECUTING PATENT AND TRADEMARK APPLICATIONS (2 or 3 credits)
Explores the practical fundamentals of drafting and prosecuting patent and trademark applications through the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including assessment of feasibility and patentability based on the laws governing novelty, utility, and non-obviousness.
DRAFTING CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS I AND II (3 credits each)
Teaches students to draft contracts, ranging from simple ones to complex ones. Students study requisite techniques and requirements of drafting and will regularly draft sample agreements.

DRAFTING WILLS AND TRUSTS (3 credits)
Teaches students to draft simple wills, reciprocal wills, pourover wills, revocable trusts, irrevocable trusts, Medicaid trusts, and other estate planning documents. Prerequisite: Wills and Trusts.

EDUCATION LAW (3 credits)
Surveys the laws affecting public and private educational institutions at all levels. Issues covered include collective bargaining, tort liability, and student rights.

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION LAW (3 credits)
Analyzes the federal and state laws dealing with discrimination in the workplace.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (3 credits)
Analyzes the nature and causes of environmental pollution and of emerging legal techniques for its control.

ERISA (3 credits)
Examines the rights and duties of employers and employees under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

ESTATE TAXATION (3 credits)
Examines Massachusetts and federal estate tax provisions and planning issues arising under them.

EVIDENCE (3 credits)
Surveys the rules governing the use of evidence in trials.

FAMILY LAW (3 credits)
Analyzes the legal rules governing marriage, divorce, distribution of marital property, child custody, adoption, and children's rights.

FAMILY LAW MEDIATION AND NEGOTIATION (3 credits)
Examines mediation techniques to resolve family issues arising from guardianship, probation, and custody proceedings. Prerequisite: Family Law.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS (3 credits)
Analyzes the federal laws governing the workplace, including the Fair Labor Standards Act, OSHA, ERISA, the Drug-Free Workplace Act, and the Employee Polygraph Protection Act.

FAMILY LAW ADVOCACY CLINIC (3 or 6 credits)
Provides upper-level students with hands-on clinical experience representing clients under attorney supervision in the diverse areas of family law practice in Massachusetts.
FILM AND LEGAL PROFESSION (3 credits)
Considers how law and justice, morality, and power are related; how law is practiced and taught; what role courts and trials play in a political system; and the relationship between law and popular culture.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (2 or 3 credits)
Examines the problems of financial institutions, including banks and savings and loan and insurance companies.

FIRST AMENDMENT ISSUES (3 credits)
Focuses upon First Amendment issues such as defamation, invasion of privacy, obscenity, ownership of speech, flag burning, prior restraint, and reporters’ privileges.

FIRST AMENDMENT SEMINAR (2 credits)
Course focuses on particular First Amendment issues, expression, association and religion, especially ones most recently addressed by Supreme Court. Students are encouraged to consider the cases critically, determining whether the Court is consistent in its current approach in comparison to its historical perspective on the particular issues. Students are required to submit a 20 page paper, of publishable quality, on a subject of their choosing, and present their findings to the class. Students must have successfully completed Constitutional Law.

FRANCHISE LAW (3 credits)
Focuses on state and federal statutes and case law dealing with franchisors and franchisees.

GETTING ELECTED AND ENACTING LEGISLATION (3 credits)
Examines how legislation is created within the political process and how candidates pursue election through fundraising and political organization.

HEALTH CARE LAW (3 credits)
Examines the American health care system, including the organization and regulation of health care institutions.

IMMIGRATION LAW (2 credits)
Focuses on immigration law and policy, the rights of aliens, and administration and enforcement of the immigration laws by executive agencies.

INDEPENDENT STUDY (3 credits)
A student in this course writes a significant research paper on a topic of his or her choice under the supervision of faculty members. Prerequisites: 45 credits, Evidence, Writing and Legal Practice, no academic probation during prior 2 semesters.
INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS (3 credits)
Focuses on the laws governing the workplace, including legal rules dealing with fair employment, discrimination, wrongful termination, and occupational safety.

INDIVIDUAL TAXATION (3 credits)
A study of the rules governing federal income taxation of individuals.

INSURANCE LAW (3 credits)
Explores legal issues of insurance, such as risk classification, indemnity, insurable interests, subrogation, rights at variance with policy provisions, and claims processes.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (2-3 credits)
Surveys the laws involving patents, trademarks, and copyrights and their interrelation with the legal areas of contracts, torts, and property law.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS (3 credits)
Examines the laws, doctrines, and regulations governing international business transactions.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE (3 credits)
Focuses on topics involving international banking, the balance of payments, exchange rate fluctuations, and the role of the World Bank in international financing.

INTERNATIONAL LAW (3 credits)
Introduces the student to aspects of the legal structure of international relations, exploring issues involving jurisdiction, sovereign immunity, and international conflict resolution.

INTERVIEWING AND COUNSELLING (2 credits)
This hands-on course trains students to interview and counsel effectively. Instructional techniques include videotaped role-playing, student observation, and critiques by the instructor.

INTRODUCTION TO E-COMMERCE (3 credits)
Examines the law and policy issues involved in the conduct of business and advertising over the internet.

INTRODUCTION TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW (3 credits)
Examines domestic and international common carrier, cable television, spectrum allocation, and technology issues.

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET (1 credit)
Trains students to use Internet browsers and search engines, e-mail accounts, word-processing programs, and case and time management software.

JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (3 or 6 credits)
Selected students work with Superior, District, and Probate Court judges in Massachusetts, researching and writing memoranda and decisions, and assisting judges during hearings and trials. Prerequisites: 45 credits, Evidence, not on academic probation during the prior 2 semesters, a grade point average of at least 2.5, and certification under Rule 3.03.
**JUVENILE LAW (3 credits)**
Examines the juvenile justice system, its philosophy, purpose and structure. Neglect and abuse cases, status offenses, and juvenile delinquency proceedings are covered, with special attention to children’s rights.

**LABOR ARBITRATION (3 credits)**
This course deals with labor arbitration cases and the laws governing labor arbitration.

**LAND USE REGULATION (3 credits)**
Analyzes the legal doctrines governing use of land in modern society. Attention is devoted to zoning, land use planning, subdivision regulations, rezoning, variances, environmental restrictions, conditional uses, and mandatory dedications.

**LANDLORD-TENANT LAW (3 credits)**
A study of issues arising between owners of property and their lessees, with emphasis on specific Massachusetts statutes and judicial decisions.

**LAW AND PSYCHIATRY: CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ASPECTS (3 credits)**
Addresses significant areas of interaction between the legal and psychiatric disciplines, including the insanity defense, civil commitment, and the right to treatment.

**THE LAW OF SEARCH AND SEIZURE (3 credits)**
Focuses on the laws covering search and seizure, the privilege against self-incrimination, and the right to counsel during police custody interrogations.

**LEGAL ETHICS AND THE CULTURE OF LAW (3 credits)**
Analyzes the ethical rules governing the legal profession and the conduct of lawyers and law firms.

**THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (2 or 3 credits)**
Students in this course study models of the legislative process, the actual operation of legislative structures, delegation of legislative power, and the application and interpretation of statutes.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW (3 credits)**
Examines statutes and case law relating to the powers and duties of municipalities.

**MASSACHUSETTS CONSUMER PROTECTION (3 credits)**
Deals with Massachusetts laws and regulations governing such topics as truth in lending, warranties, credit advertising, billing practices, credit cards, debt collection, credit reports, and false, unfair, and deceptive practices.

**MASSACHUSETTS EVIDENCE (2 credits)**
Taught by a judge, this course focuses on the practical and effective use of Massachusetts rules of evidence.
MASSACHUSETTS WORKERS’ COMPENSATION (2 credits)
Examines the case law, statutes, and regulations governing workers’ compensation in Massachusetts.

MEDIATION, CONCILIATION, AND NEGOTIATION SKILLS TRAINING (2 credits)
Focuses upon training students to mediate and negotiate assorted legal problems.

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE (3 credits)
Examines various issues in medical liability, including causation, damages, claims against multiple defendants, and examination and cross-examination of medical experts.

MENTAL HEALTH TRIAL ADVOCACY (3 credits)
Provides students with a practical understanding of the issues surrounding mental health advocacy, including forced medication, commitment, and competency hearings.

MILITARY LAW (3 credits)
Examines the constitutional and other rights of members of the armed services, the military criminal justice system, the law of armed conflict, and veterans’ benefits issues.

NEGOTIATION IN THE LEGAL CONTEXT (2 credits)
Surveys leading theories and common practices of legal negotiators. Emphasis will be placed on weekly exercises designed to enhance negotiating skills.

NEW ENGLAND LAW AND PRACTICE (3 credits)
This class is designed to give all MSLAW students, trained in the law and practice of the Commonwealth, a glimpse at the law and practice of other New England States. Comparisons between specific procedural rules and forms as well as specific statutes encountered by general practitioners in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, and Connecticut are made on a per topic basis.
NEW HAMPSHIRE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE (2 credits)
This course focuses upon the rules governing the practice of law in New Hampshire.

ORAL ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATION (3 credits)
An intensive course in communication and advocacy. Fundamental skills of communication, drama, and speech are stressed. Reviews of student performances on videotape, demonstrations and discussions are utilized to hone students' advocacy and communication skills.

PATENT LAW AND PATENT APPLICATION PRACTICE (2 credits)
This course focuses exclusively on substantive patent law, patent claims drafting, and patent applications and prosecution through the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

PRIVATE SECTOR LABOR LAW (3 credits)
Examines the rights and liabilities of employers and employees in the traditional context of the private sector.

PRODUCTS LIABILITY (3 credits)
Examines the law relating to suits against manufacturers and distributors of defective products.

PROPERTY LAW (5 credits)
Analyzes the legal principles governing personal property and real estate.

PROSECUTION AND ADJUDICATION (3 credits)
Focuses upon pre-trial and post-trial strategies in criminal proceedings.

PUBLIC SECTOR LABOR LAW (3 credits)
Examines the regulation of labor and management relations in the public sector, including the right to organize, the scope of the duty to bargain, and the right to strike.

PUBLISHING AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW (3 credits)
Focuses on the common law and federal and state statutory protections afforded to authors, artists, and entertainers.

RACE IN AMERICAN LAW (3 credits)
Explores the competing visions of racial equality that are reflected in United States civil rights legislation and case law, the historical origins of American racism, and the judicial and legislative approaches that have evolved to remedy racial injustice.

REAL ESTATE FINANCING AND CONVEYANCING (3 credits)
Examines the financing of commercial and large scale residential real estate projects, from the perspective of both the lender and the developer.

REAL ESTATE TAXATION (3 credits)
Examines the federal and Massachusetts tax laws governing real estate transactions.
REMEDIES (3 credits)
A study of contemporary problems both inside and outside the court system, as well as an historical review of the principles applicable to contract and tort actions, unjust enrichment, equitable doctrines, damages and restitution.

RESTITUTION (3 credits)
Focuses upon remedies available to rectify unjust enrichment, particularly in cases where tort and contract remedies are not available or are insufficient.

SECURITIES REGULATION (3 credits)
Examines federal and state regulations of securities, including disclosure requirements, public and private offerings, and remedies and liabilities.

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW (3 credits)
Provides a comprehensive review of the field of representation of athletes and artists, including negotiations, contract development and long range impact of personal services contracts.

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (2 credits)
Explores the legal, strategic, and practical factors involved in deciding to rely on state constitutional law in addition to or in lieu of federal constitutional claims.

TORTS (4 credits)
Focuses on the law governing liability for physical and economic injuries that one person causes another.

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE (4 credits)
Focuses on the laws governing commercial transactions.

WHITE COLLAR CRIMES (2 credits)
Reviews white collar criminal issues, including securities fraud, mail fraud, environmental crimes, and illegal campaign contributions.

WILLS AND TRUSTS (4 credits)
Deals with the statutes and common law governing wills and trusts.

WOMEN AND THE LAW (3 credits)
Examines the historical and contemporary treatment of women by and under the Constitution, statutes, and common law.

WORKER’S COMPENSATION AND SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY PAYMENTS (3 credits)
Examines the no-fault worker’s compensation laws of Massachusetts and other states, as well as the laws concerning social security disability.
WRITING AND LEGAL REASONING (3 Credits)
The first of the successive legal writing classes at MSLAW, this course introduces students to IRAC, outlining, case briefing, and other skills unique to the study of law. Students will learn how to think critically and analytically and to write concisely and persuasively.

WRITING AND LEGAL RESEARCH (3 Credits)
The second of the successive legal writing classes at MSLAW, this course builds on the writing skills learned in the first semester and teaches students to write legal memoranda in an office setting. Students in this course take the role of advisor to a hypothetical client. Students will continue to formulate written rules, synthesize multiple authorities, place a rule in a rule structure (IRAC), analyze facts carefully, apply a rule to a set of facts and organize a written discussion. Students will cite legal authorities using proper legal citation format and will learn legal research strategies and the multitude of legal authorities through hands-on library and computer training.

WRITING AND LEGAL ADVOCACY (3 Credits)
The third of the successive legal writing classes at MSLAW, this course teaches the students how to take the skills learned in the first two semesters and use those skills while acting as an advocate for a client. Students in this course take the role of advocate and officer of the court. The students’ research and writing skills will be honed so they can apply good writing in a persuasive court document. In this class, students will become Westlaw certified, draft a legal memorandum of law to a trial judge, write an appellate brief and argue to a mock appeals court.

WRITING AND LEGAL PRACTICE (2 Credits)
The last of the 4 writing classes at MSLAW, this course teaches students to apply the lessons learned in the first 3 writing courses while drafting numerous documents that attorneys create in the day-to-day practice of law. This course will hone both writing skills and practical lawyering skills with students representing fictitious clients in a case that begins with the client intake and encompasses all the steps taken to bring a case to trial. Students will draft various court documents including complaints, answers, interrogatories, production of documents and motions.

WRITING FOR LAWYERS (3 credits)
Designed to help students refine their writing skills, this course is taught in an intensive, workshop style.
Ms. Louise Rose is MSLAW’s Registrar and is charged with maintaining the files of all students. Ms. Rose handles issues covering course registration, student petitions, transcript requests, adding and dropping courses, and graduation certificates for students applying to take the bar examination.

She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and taught for 13 years in public and private school systems. She has worked in law firms in Washington, D.C. and Nashua, New Hampshire.

REGISTRATION POLICIES

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to register in person each semester on one of the two registration dates. Dates are scheduled on the online Academic Calendar and are also posted in the school cafe prior to registration each semester.

Late Registration Policy

A $50.00 late registration fee is charged to students who register after the scheduled registration dates. A $100.00 late registration fee is charged to students who register on or after the first scheduled class.

Proof of Health Insurance Coverage

Health Insurance Coverage is required for all students taking at least 9 credits. A student must provide proof of coverage once a year.

Proof of Immunizations

Immunization requirements apply to all undergraduate and graduate students, regardless of year of birth. In order to attend MSLAW, all undergraduate and graduate students are required to have:
- 1 TD booster within the last 10 years
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine (or 2 doses of a measles-containing vaccine and 1 dose each of mumps and rubella vaccine)
- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine are required for all full-time and part-time students.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

Add/Drop Policy

Courses may be dropped without academic penalty during the first five weeks of a regular semester and during the first week of a summer semester. After that, a student who fails to complete a course will receive a failing grade or, with the prior permission of the Dean, an incomplete.

Courses may be added during the first week of classes. After the first week, a student must receive the permission of the Dean to add any course.

A course in which an incomplete is obtained during a regular or summer semester must be completed by the end of the next regular semester in which it is given or the student will receive a failing grade.

Withdrawal

Students who wish to withdraw from the Massachusetts School of Law must submit a hard copy letter (email is not sufficient) to the Registrar's office. A student who submits a letter of withdrawal is withdrawing from the entire program, not just for a semester, and is not eligible to return in future semesters without permission of the Admissions Committee.

Withdrawal Policy

Any student wishing to withdraw after the allowed time period must submit a petition to the Admissions Committee through the Registrar's office. Students who do not properly petition will incur academic penalties.

Withdrawal requests must be submitted in writing to the Registrar. No refunds will be given after 5 weeks of classes.

Leave of Absence Policy

Leaves of absence will be granted with the permission of the Admissions Committee and only in extraordinary circumstances. Each request for a leave of absence must be submitted in writing to the Registrar, no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of classes for the semester in which the leave is sought.

Deferrals

Deferral forms for undergraduate loans are filled out by the Registrar. The Registrar will mail them directly to the loan service provider once completed.

Transcript Request Policy

Transcript requests must be submitted to the Registrar along with a $5.00 check for each official transcript. No transcript will be released to or for any student or alumnus with an outstanding obligation to MSLAW. Please allow up to 15 business days for processing the transcript request.
ACADEMIC STANDING

Massachusetts School of Law at Andover utilizes a typical four-point system of grading. Therefore, an A counts four points, a B three points, a C two points, a D one point, and an F (or a failing grade) no points.

A student's grade is increased 3 tenths of a point for a plus (e.g., a B+ represents 3.30 points) and will be diminished 3 tenths of a point for a minus (e.g., a B- represents 2.70 points).

Students may make appointments with professors to review their exams. No grades are changed unless a mathematical error has been made. To ensure academic rigor, MSLAW, when necessary, requires professors to comply with a grading curve designed to make certain that high grades at MSLAW represent significant academic accomplishment.

Academic Probation

A student whose overall grade-point average falls below a two-point average is placed on academic probation for the next semester. Once on academic probation, a student is not eligible to take summer session classes. If the student was enrolled in such classes prior to the determination that he or she is on probation, the grades received in the class cannot be used to determine whether the student shall be removed from the probationary list.

Academic Suspension

If the student does not attain a two-point or better overall average at the end of that probationary semester, the student is not able to return to school thereafter.

Two F Rule

In addition, any student who receives a total of two or more F grades during his or her career at MSLAW is automatically dismissed from the program. Any student seeking readmission to MSLAW must submit a written petition to the school's registrar. Such petitions are rarely granted.

Financial Aid & GPA

Students are required to have an overall grade point average of a 2.0 to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress. Students whose overall grade point average falls below 2.0 are placed on academic probation for the next semester and these students are ineligible to receive Federal Stafford Loans for that semester or any semester until the student becomes eligible again. A student may petition in writing to the Director of Financial Aid, Lynn Bowab, for an exception to this policy. Exceptions to this policy are granted by a case-by-case basis and only in extraordinary situations.

FACULTY ADVISORS

All students should meet with their Faculty Advisors for guidance in planning their curriculum. Students are given advisors based on their last name.

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

What is needed for graduation?

An overall 2.0 (C) average is required for graduation. A student must satisfactorily complete 90 credit hours to graduate. 58 credit hours must be in required courses. A student must pass the Comparison course, which is taken during his or her last semester. No credits are given for a failing grade. Graduation occurs only in January and June.

Required Courses & Credits

- Business Associations (3)
- Civil Procedure (4)
- Comparison of Massachusetts & National Law (6)
- Constitutional Law (4)
- Contracts (5)
- Criminal Law (3)
- Criminal Procedure (3)
- Evidence (3)
- Legal Ethics (3)
- Property (5)
- Torts (4)
- UCC 2,3,4 & 9 (4)
- Writing and Legal Research (3)
- Writing and Legal Advocacy (3)
- Writing and Legal Practice (2)
- Writing for Lawyers/Writing and Legal Reasoning (3)

ALUMNI CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Massachusetts School of Law’s Alumni Continuing Education Program offers MSLAW graduates the opportunity to refresh their skills or learn new ones by enrolling in classes at discounted rates. To be considered, MSLAW graduates must submit a written request to MSLAW’s Admissions Committee. Tuition is $222 per credit hour. No more than one class can be taken during each semester.

In addition, MSLAW’s Continuing Education Program, in conjunction with other organizations, offers various seminars and conferences. Contact Michelle Hebert at mhebert@mslaw.edu.
OVERVIEW

Massachusetts School of Law at Andover is unique because it does not use or place value on the traditional LSAT test used by other law schools to determine a potential law student’s aptitude to succeed in law school. Instead, MSLAW uses its own personal interview and essay test to make this determination.

Specifically, MSLAW utilizes several factors to determine a potential student's aptitude:

1. undergraduate and/or graduate grades
2. employment and life experience
3. three letters of recommendation
4. a personal interview
5. an essay exam that is similar to most law school exams (MSLAT)

The Admissions committee, on a case-by-case basis, examines all of these factors before any decisions are made.

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

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Professor Colby-Clements is the Director of Admissions at the Massachusetts School of Law. She received her B.S. from the University of Lowell and her J.D., cum laude, from the Massachusetts School of Law. Professor Colby-Clements is licensed to practice in Massachusetts and the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts. Professor Colby-Clements also taught in the MBA program at Suffolk University before joining the faculty at MSLAW.

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Michelle M. Hebert is an admissions officer. Michelle graduated from MSLAW in 2005. She holds a B.S. from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell in Criminal Justice and is a practicing attorney. While a student at MSLAW, Michelle was the President of the Student Bar Association and recipient of the 2005 Dean's Award.

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Denise Slater is an Admissions Officer. Denise graduated from MSLAW in 2005. Ms. Slater is a practicing attorney who received her B.A., cum laude, in criminal justice and economics from the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

In order to speed up the application process, please make certain that you have completed every item on the application before submitting it to the Admissions Department so that review of your application is not delayed.

1. Application for Admission
The application for admission should be completed, signed, and submitted to the Admissions Department as soon as possible. You may make a request for application materials by email, phone, or you can download the application by visiting www.mslaw.edu and clicking on Admissions.

2. Personal Statement
Each applicant must submit a personal statement along with the application. The statement should contain information regarding any relevant factors that may not have been fully explained in the application form and that may assist the members of the Admissions Committee in their review of your application.

3. Application Fee
The $40 application fee (check or money order payable to Massachusetts School of Law) must accompany the application form. The application fee is non-refundable and is not applied to tuition if you are accepted.

4. Three Letters of Recommendation
Recommendations should be sent directly to the Admissions Department. Federal law gives students in attendance at MSLAW the right to review letters of recommendation submitted on their behalf unless that right is waived. While applicants are not required to make such a waiver, they are advised that some people may not be willing to provide a recommendation in its absence. The letters of recommendation forms have a place to mark your preference. Please mark them before giving them to
your recommenders. Any additional letters submitted on your behalf must contain this statement.

5. Personal Interview
Each applicant must complete a personal interview with the Admissions Department. The interview will be scheduled once you have submitted your application and transcripts. It will consist of questions regarding any relevant factors that may not have been fully explained in the application form and that may assist the members of the Admissions Committee in their review of your application.

6. MSLAT
All applicants must take the Massachusetts School of Law Aptitude Test (MSLAT). This test is in place of the traditional LSAT test. Applicants usually take the test on the same day they have their personal interview. MSLAW faculty members will review the test and assess both technical and analytical skills. MSLAW also uses this test to determine if students meet the required English proficiency needed to begin their legal studies.

7. Official Transcripts
Transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools must be submitted to the Admissions Department. Transcripts for academic work done at foreign institutions must be translated into English and evaluated by a certified credential evaluation service that identifies each credential and gives its U.S. equivalent. EVALUATION: Center for Educational Documentation: 617/338-7171 www.cedevaluations.com TRANSLATION: Boston Language Institute: 617/262-3500 or Linguistic Systems: 617/864-3900.

Because each law school's application is different, please be certain to read every item carefully. It is your responsibility to make sure that all statements made on the application are accurate and complete.

You are required to update us in writing about any changes that take place after you submit the application. Any failure to supply accurate, complete, or updated information may result in a withdrawal of any offer of admission or cancellation of registration, and may be a violation of Massachusetts School of Law Regulations Governing Students.

All materials submitted with or in support of an application become the property of MSLAW and are not returnable. An application is considered complete only when all of the materials have been received.

NO LSAT REQUIRED
Massachusetts School of Law interviews every applicant who wishes to attend the school. We believe the true measure of a person’s capabilities to be a good lawyer cannot be measured solely by sterile statistical data, which can never measure drive, dedication, obstacles overcome, perseverance, and a good heart.

In some circumstances, there is a second interview with the entire Admissions Committee. The Committee also reviews an applicant’s entire pertinent background, including all college grade-point averages, the specific courses in which an applicant did well or poorly in college, improvement over time in college, the possession of a graduate degree and the grades obtained in graduate school, and the nature of any experience and accomplishments in the work force.

Also, because of the considerable criticisms of the LSAT, Massachusetts School of Law does not consider the LSAT when making admissions decisions. Instead, it considers an essay test that the school itself has developed. The test is given at the time of the interview, and, most importantly, it is read and graded by a full-time MSLAW professor who, based upon years of practical and academic experience, is well qualified to assess an applicant’s ability to think and write well. The requirement of a mandatory interview, the review of an applicant’s entire record in school and the work force, and the essay aptitude test enable the Admissions Committee to identify worthy students who would be denied admission to traditional law schools simply because of their LSAT scores.

Once admitted to MSLAW, a student is required to pay a $300 non-refundable seat deposit, which is applied to first year tuition.

TUITION & FEES
Tuition is $444.00 per credit hour.

- Full-time students carry 15 credits per semester, for a total tuition of $6,660.00 per semester; part-time students carry either 11 or 12 credits per semester, for a total tuition of $4,884.00 or $5,328.00 per semester.
- When registering for the first semester at MSLAW, students are assessed a one-time non-refundable building fund charge of $750.00.
- There are no fees other than tuition itself and the one-time charge for the building fund.

TRANSFER STUDENTS
A limited number of transfer students may be admitted each year depending on available space. The application procedure is the same as for first-year students except that the transfer applicant must also submit law school grades. (No admission decision will be made until the school receives grades from the previous law school.) Additionally, to graduate from MSLAW, a transfer student must complete at least 60 credit hours at MSLAW.

FOREIGN STUDENTS - SEVIS FEE
For F, M, & J Non-immigrant Students & Exchange Visitors

Foreign students wishing to attend MSLAW must obtain an I-20 from Paula Colby-Clements, the Designated School Official for immigration affairs. Before entering the United States, students must obtain a passport issued by their government and visit a U.S. embassy or consulate with the I-20 issued by MSLAW in order to obtain an entry visa to enter the United States. The visa application requires that students submit proof of funds/financial support while attending MSLAW.

Beginning September 1, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security began collecting a congressionally mandated fee to cover the costs of SEVIS, the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System.

For additional information about this program, please see SEVP on the web at: www.ice.gov/graphics/sevis/index.htm.
SEVIS is an automated system for collecting, maintaining, and managing data about foreign students and exchange visitors during their entry to, stay in, and exit from the United States. Exchange Visitor refers to individuals on the J-1 visa.

We understand that at least at the beginning of the SEVIS fee implementation, fee payment verification may not be available electronically. Be prepared to show the original receipt notice to the consul to verify fee payment. Make a copy of the receipt notice and keep it for your records.

The U.S. Government has provided the following questions and answers about the SEVIS fee.

Who pays the fee?
Those who wish to enter the United States either as a student or an exchange visitor with a Form I-20 or DS-2019 dated on or after September 1, 2004.

Participants of federally sponsored exchange visitor programs, which are designated by program codes beginning with G-1, G-2, or G-3 are not subject to this fee. Spouses and dependent children (F-2, M-2) of students or exchange visitors (J-2) do not pay this fee.

How much is the fee?
- For students (F-1, F-3, M-1, or M-3) – $100
- For spouses and dependent children (F-2, M-2, or J-2) of students or exchange visitors – None

When do prospective students or exchange visitors pay the SEVIS fee?
Applicants who require a visa to enter the United States must pay the SEVIS fee before going to the U.S. embassy or consulate for their visa interview.

Applicants who are citizens of Canada, Bermuda, and residents of certain other islands (see 8 CFR 212.1a) wishing to apply for F-1, F-3, M-1, M-3, or J-1 status at a Port of Entry into the United States must pay and process the SEVIS fee before appearing at the Port of Entry.

Nonimmigrants currently in the United States who apply for student or exchange visitor status must pay the fee prior to filing their change of status application.

How is the fee paid?
Through the Internet at www.FMJfee.com by using a credit card and completing the online Form I-901 (Fee for Remittance for Certain F, M, and J Non-immigrants); or

Through the mail by submitting a completed Form I-901 and a check or money order drawn on a U.S. Bank and payable in U.S. currency; or

By a third party such as a school or sponsor; or

By selected sponsors of an exchange program by submitting a bulk or group payment.

When must the fee be paid?
The fee must be paid to ensure that the payment can be deposited and recorded in SEVIS prior to the scheduled visa interview.

To allow for adequate processing time, the fee must be paid:
At least three business days prior to the visa interview date for electronic submissions;
At least three business days (HIO note: It will probably take longer.) before the scheduled visa interview for mail submissions to allow for delivery at the DHS address listed on the Form I-901. This time frame allows the fee payment to be deposited and recorded in SEVIS.

How will the payment be verified?
The payment will be recorded in the SEVIS system. However, it is recommended that the paper I-797 or the Internet generated receipt be brought to the visa interview.

DHS will issue an official paper receipt (I-797) for every payment received.

Individuals who file electronically will be able to print an electronic receipt immediately at the time of payment.

Individuals may request Express delivery service for the I-797 receipt at an additional cost of $30.

When must continuing students (F-1, F-3, M-1, or M-3 non-immigrants that have begun, but not finished, a program) pay the SEVIS fee?
Continuing students must pay the SEVIS fee before:
Filing an application for reinstatement when they have been out of status for more than 5 months; or
When applying for a new visa or returning to the United States after an absence of more than 5 months that did not involve authorized overseas study; or
When filing an application for a change of status to an F, M, or J classification except for changes between F-1 and F-3 or between M-1 and M-3.

When must continuing exchange visitors (J-1 non-immigrants who have begun, but not finished a program) pay the SEVIS fee?
Continuing exchange visitors must pay the SEVIS fee before:
Filing a reinstatement application after a substantive violation; or
Filing a reinstatement application after they have been out of status between 121 and 269 days; or
Applying for a change of exchange visitor category unless the new exchange visitor category is fee exempt (federally sponsored programs with program codes that start with G-1, G-2, or G-3).
The purpose of financial aid at MSLAW is to help students finance their education through payment plans, subsidized federal loans, and unsubsidized federal loans. All subsidized loans at MSLAW are awarded on the basis of need, which is determined through the financial aid application materials.

To receive financial aid, a student must be registered for at least half time (6 credits) per semester. All financial aid is to be used to help defray the costs of tuition and fees and other education-related expenses incurred during the academic year.

**Tuition Payment Plan**

**Payment Plans**

There are various methods of paying tuition at MSLAW. A student can pay the entire tuition for the semester when registering for that semester. Alternatively, the student can pay fifty percent of the semester’s tuition when registering, and the remaining fifty percent, plus a twenty dollar carrying charge, no later than thirty days thereafter.

Finally, a student may pay in four installments. Under this installment plan, twenty-five percent of a student’s tuition for the semester must be paid at registration and additional payments of twenty-five percent must be paid at the end of each succeeding monthly period until the full amount of tuition has been paid. Interest on unpaid balances is charged at .88% per month. Students who receive loans processed through MSLAW are ineligible for installment payment plans.

**Due Date for Payments**

Payments are due on the 15th of each month. Bills are mailed to the students as a courtesy—failure to receive a bill does not mean payment is not due. All payments should be made by check to the front office or mailed to MSLAW @ 500 Federal Street, Andover MA 01810 Attention: Accounting.

**Finance Charges**

Interest on unpaid balances is charged at .88% per month.

**Late Fees**

After a short grace period, failure to make payments on time, unless previously authorized for sufficient cause by the Dean, results in a late payment penalty of fifty dollars for each week (or part thereof) that the installment is late.

**Late Registration Policy**

A $50.00 late registration fee is charged to students who do not register on the assigned dates. A $100.00 late registration fee is charged to students who register on or after the first scheduled class.

**Suspension for Non-Payment**

If the failure to pay tuition continues for two weeks, the student will be barred from classes and examinations until the payments are made. The school reserves the right to terminate the student’s enrollment if the failure continues for two months. Unless the Dean has authorized late payments upon a sufficient showing of cause, a student is not permitted to take final examinations if any of his or her installment payments are still unpaid at the time of the examinations. A student barred from examinations because of a failure to pay tuition will be treated as if he or she were deliberately absent from the examinations. No transcripts will be released for any student or MSLAW graduate who is in arrears on any amount owed to MSLAW.

**Tuition Refunds**

After registering, a student may withdraw from a course or from the program up until two weeks after the beginning of classes and will receive a refund of (or is not charged for) eighty percent of the tuition for that course. Students who withdraw subsequent to the two-week period cannot receive refunds (or remission of charges) except for sufficient cause as determined by the Dean.

**Summer School Refunds**

No refunds are given to a student who withdraws after summer session classes have begun.

**Refunds for Academic Issues**

Any student who has completed fifteen credits or fewer at the conclusion of the Fall semester shall be entitled to withdraw
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from MSL and receive full reimbursement (or credit) for the Spring semester’s tuition if such student’s grade point average as a result of Fall grades is below 1.70. Such student shall not be required to withdraw from MSLAW. Any student eligible for this reimbursement and opting for withdrawal must notify the Registrar in writing no later than ten (10) days from the date Fall grades are mailed to students.

Any student who has completed fifteen credits or fewer at the conclusion of the Fall semester shall be entitled, if he or she wishes, to withdraw from MSLAW and receive reimbursement (or credit) equal to 80% of the Spring’s semester tuition if such student’s grade point average as a result of Fall grades is between a 1.70 and 1.99, inclusive. Such student shall not be required to withdraw from MSLAW. Any student eligible for this reimbursement must notify the Registrar in writing no later than ten (10) days from the date Fall grades are mailed to the students.

Any student who has completed sixteen to thirty credits at the conclusion of the Fall semester shall be entitled to withdraw from MSLAW and receive full reimbursement (or credit) for the Spring’s semester tuition if such student’s grade point average as a result of Fall grades is below 1.80. Such student shall not be required to withdraw from MSLAW unless he or she was on probation during the Fall semester. Any student eligible for this reimbursement must notify the Registrar in writing no later than ten (10) days from the date Fall grades are mailed to the students.

LOANS

Basic Student Eligibility
To receive aid from the Stafford loan program, you must:
1. Have financial need (except for unsubsidized Stafford loans)
2. Be enrolled as a regular student working toward a Juris Doctor degree
3. Be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen
4. Not be in default on any loans
5. Have a valid social security number or valid alien registration number
6. Maintain satisfactory academic progress (2.0 cumulative GPA)

Subsidized Loans & Fees
- Subsidized loans are awarded on the basis of financial need, which is determined by the information you have provided.
- If you qualify for a subsidized loan, you will not be charged any interest before you begin repayment or during the authorized periods of deferment. The federal government “subsidizes” the interest during these periods.
- The maximum amount you may borrow is $8,500.00 per academic year (August to July 31) if you qualify for the full amount.

- Fees of approximately 3% of the principal amount borrowed will be taken from the loan prior to disbursement.

Unsubsidized Loans & Fees
- Unsubsidized Loans are not awarded on the basis of financial need. You will be charged interest from the time the loan is disbursed.
- The maximum amount you may borrow is $10,000 per academic year (August to July 31) if you qualify for the full amount.
- Fees of approximately 3% of the principal amount borrowed will be taken from the loan prior to disbursement.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy
- Satisfactory academic progress must be maintained. Students are required to have an overall grade point average of 2.0 to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- Students whose overall grade point average falls below an overall average of 2.0 are placed on academic probation for the next semester, and these students are ineligible to receive Federal Stafford Loans for that semester or until they become eligible again.
- A student may petition in writing to Lynn Bowab, the Director of Financial Aid, for an exception to this policy. Exceptions to this policy are granted on a case-by-case basis and only in extraordinary situations.

FEDERAL PLUS LOANS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Federal PLUS loans, along with Stafford Loans, are part of a group of loan programs referred to as the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP).

MSLAW Students who will be attending school the entire academic year (Fall and Spring semesters) can borrow up to an additional $3,000.00 through the Federal PLUS loan, if eligible. Students who will be enrolled during the Fall semester only are not eligible to receive a Federal PLUS loan.

Interest Rates and Fees:
Interest rates are fixed @ 8.5% Up to 3 percent origination fee Up to 1 percent default fee

Borrower Eligibility: A student must be a Graduate student enrolled at least half time in a degree-granting program. Graduate student or endorser must be a creditworthy U.S. citizen or eligible permanent resident; both must have a valid Social Security number.

PLUS loan applications are completed once a year, usually by May for the next academic year. All financial aid requirements for the Stafford and Plus loans should be completed and handled in together.
WHEN TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- If you think you will require financial assistance to attend MSLAW, you should start the financial aid process when you begin the process of applying for admission.
- You should plan to file your financial aid application once you have completed the application process. This will allow enough time to process and determine an award before you are required to register.
- If you do not allow enough time for processing, you may be required to make a payment at registration.
- You MUST reapply for financial aid EACH academic year. The priority deadline to have the paperwork in for financial aid is May 15 for the next academic year. If you miss the priority deadline, your application will still be processed.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

The following materials are required to determine your eligibility and process your application:

1. Entrance Interview/Counseling
   Entrance Counseling is an important starting point for all students requiring financial aid. MSLAW Financial Aid now offers entrance counseling via the internet at http://www.Mapping-Your-Future.org. MSLAW wants to make available to you all the information you will need to make an informed decision regarding financial aid. MSLAW also offers one-on-one meetings with financial aid counselors when necessary.

2. Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA)
   (FAFSA) should be submitted directly to MSLAW, or you may apply online at: http://www.fafsa.ed.gov. MSLAW will provide this form, and MSLAW will process your application electronically.

3. MSLAW’s Title IV Code: 032353
   The FAFSA form must be completed in its entirety. MSLAW’s title IV code is 032353. You will receive a student aid report (SAR) which is the result of the FAFSA being filed. Please review your SAR and make any corrections that are warranted.

4. Other Forms
   MSLAW requires that first-year students submit several other forms, which we will provide: Budget Worksheet, MPN-2, Form # 3, and Master Promissory Note (no electronic version). MSLAW requires you to provide: a copy of driver’s license, a copy of your social security card, and a copy of your alien registration card, if applicable.

DEFERMENT PROGRAM

For a small number of students who have demonstrated academic progress, and who have exhausted all other means of obtaining funding, (i.e. students must both have applied for and have established ineligibility for the Stafford Loan Programs and private educational funding.) and can show a dearth of income and liquid assets, MSLAW, may in its discretion, defer tuition in whole or in part.

Students seeking such a deferral must complete MSLAW’s deferral packet and provide tax returns, statement of net worth, and a monthly budget to the Director of Financial Aid, Lynn Bowab.

Any balance of deferred tuition must be paid after the student graduates. Upon the student’s graduation, a schedule of payments and rate of interest are set by the school, and interest begins to be charged on the outstanding balance.

The schedule of payments will usually run for a period of five to ten years, depending on how much is owed. The rate of interest will be no greater than two percent over the prime rate at the time of the student’s graduation.

FEDERAL REFUND POLICY

- If you withdraw from MSLAW, and your Stafford funds have not been received or applied to your tuition fee, MSLAW will cancel your disbursement in full.
- If you were eligible for earned monies for living expenses and tuition, by canceling your loan you will no longer be eligible for those funds.
- If you withdraw from MSLAW after your Stafford funds have been processed, MSLAW will use the Department of Education’s pro-rata refund calculation program to determine the amount of funds to return.
- If an extraordinary circumstance exists (extreme medical condition with documentation), with authorization from the student, MSLAW may in its discretion return your loan minus any refunds received by the student.

You should contact Lynn Bowab in the Financial Aid office to obtain the application materials or to inquire about any of MSLAW’s policies. You may fax your request to (978) 681-6330, call (978) 681-0800 ext. 36, or e-mail Lynn at Bowab@mslaw.edu.
INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY
Massachusetts School of Law provides equality of opportunity in legal education for all persons including applicants for admission, enrolled students, and graduates, without discrimination or segregation on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicap, disability, or sexual orientation.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE
Leaves of absence will be granted with the permission of the Admissions Committee and only in extraordinary circumstances. Each request for a leave of absence must be submitted in writing to the Registrar, no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of classes for the semester in which the leave is sought.

DROP/ADD POLICY AND PROCEDURE
Courses may be dropped without academic penalty during the first five weeks of a regular semester and during the first week of a summer semester. After that, a student who fails to complete a course will receive a failing grade or, with the prior permission of the Dean, an incomplete. Courses may be added during the first week of classes. After the first week, a student must receive the permission of the Dean to add any course. A course in which an incomplete is obtained during a regular or summer semester must be completed by the end of the next regular semester in which it is given, or the student will receive a failing grade.

STUDENT GRIEVANCES
The overwhelming majority of student grievances received by MSLAW’s administration fall into three general categories: requests for tuition refunds after the time for a refund has elapsed, requests for changes in grades, and disciplinary complaints. With respect to tuition refunds and changes in grades, MSLAW’s policies and procedures are stated in the catalog. With respect to disciplinary matters arising under the rules and regulations printed at the end of this catalog, MSLAW follows procedures that are available to all students in published form. MSLAW occasionally receives grievances from students concerning other school-related matters, such as parking, school cancellations due to inclement weather, or noise in the portion of the library where students are allowed to talk quietly. MSLAW prefers to address and resolve these issues informally. It therefore encourages its students to speak informally to MSLAW’s Dean, Associate Dean, or Assistant Dean about such matters, and the official spoken to will informally take steps he deems necessary, if any. If a student wishes to state a grievance formally, then the student shall submit a signed statement to the Dean, detailing the student’s concerns. The Dean may then take whatever action, if any, he deems necessary to address the grievance.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY
The Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program applies to all students and all employees. The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol is strictly prohibited at Massachusetts School of Law. Students and employees not complying with this standard will be subject to institutional sanctions. For a complete list of institutional sanctions and health risks associated with the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol, please ask the Office of Financial Aid.
Drug and Alcohol Counseling:
• Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - 1 (800) 234-0420
• Center for Addictive Behaviors - 1 (800) 334-5512

CAMPUS LAW ENFORCEMENT
MSLAW campus is open to the public. Our hours are M-F 8AM to 11PM, SAT. 8 AM to 6:30 PM, SUN. 11 AM to 6:30 PM. Because the building is open to the public, it is very important to keep all valuables within sight. MSLAW is not responsible for any items lost or stolen. We consider the grounds to be safe.
In the event of a criminal action or other emergency, call 911 immediately. All criminal and immoral actions should be reported to the Associate Dean Michael L. Coyne or any security officer on the premises. For more information regarding campus crime rates, please make all inquiries to the Office of Financial Aid.
POLICY AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT
The Massachusetts School of Law takes the firmest possible stand against sexual harassment of its students and staff. Sexual harassment is a form of gender discrimination and violates both Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as well as many state laws, including, in Massachusetts, General Laws c. 151B. The school's written policy is available for inspection. For more details, please inquire in the Office of Financial Aid. The term “sexual assault” refers to rape or sexual intercourse against one's will, or any unwanted physical contact of a sexual nature. An assault can happen anywhere:

- You may know your assailant well, or your assailant may be someone you have never met or seen before.
- If you are sexually assaulted, get to a safe place immediately. If an assault occurs at MSLAW, notify any staff member or professor and immediately telephone the Andover Police at 978-470-3766; they are trained to preserve evidence for the proof of a criminal offense. Do this even if you do not know if you will press charges.
- A sexual assault is a criminal offense. The investigation of all assaults will be conducted by the Andover Police Department. If the assault occurred outside of Andover, notify the police department of the jurisdiction in which the assault took place. The assault need not take place at MSLAW or in Andover to receive counseling referrals or other support from MSLAW.
- A few of the nearby counseling centers are the following: Family Services Inc.: 978.683.9505, Victim/Witness Assistance: 978.683.4300, Merrimack Valley Legal Service: 978.687.1177. If you need help notifying the local police departments, hospitals, or other family members, MSLAW's staff is available.
- If the assailant is an MSLAW student, staff, or faculty member who sexually assaults another MSLAW student, staff, or faculty member and is found guilty of charges associated with this sexual assault, he or she will be expelled or terminated. Because of the nature of this crime, if the victim requests, in writing, a leave of absence or change in his or her academic schedule while the investigation or trial or both are on-going, MSLAW will accommodate these requests as long as these requests do not violate the accused assailant's rights.
- The victim must formally request in writing that MSLAW should proceed under rule number nine of its code of conduct. This rule states the following: Students must not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate among them those who do. Nor shall any student engage in conduct inconsistent with being a student of law.
- If an assault occurs at MSLAW, notify any staff member or professional and immediately telephone the Andover Police at 978-470-3766; they are trained to preserve evidence for the proof of a criminal offense.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING STUDENTS
The Massachusetts School of Law requires each student to comply with the following regulations:

1. Special programs of study not prescribed by the faculty must be approved in advance of registration by the Dean or a faculty committee designated for this purpose.
2. Students are expected to perform all work assigned.
3. Unless he or she has received prior permission from the Dean, no student may omit an examination scheduled for his or her program of study.
4. Unless the instructor grants an extension of time for good cause, any paper or other project required for a final grade in a course must be submitted no later than the end of the examination period for the semester in which such course is taken.
5. A student whose overall grade-point average falls below a two-point average will be placed on academic probation for the next semester. If the student does not attain a two-point or better overall average at the end of that probationary semester, the student will not be able to return to school thereafter. In addition, any student who receives a total of two or more “F” grades during his or her career at MSLAW is automatically expelled from school.
6. A student who attends school upon special conditions must fulfill those conditions in order to remain in school.
7. A student expelled from school for academic reasons or for failing to meet special conditions of admission can petition for reconsideration. Reconsideration will not be granted, however, in the absence of extraordinary mitigating circumstances.
8. A student may be dismissed for defacing, concealing, or absconding with any library book.
9. Students must not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate among them those who do. Nor shall any student engage in conduct inconsistent with being a student of law. Conduct inconsistent with being a student of law includes violation of rules and regulations of the Law School, illegal activity involving moral turpitude, activity involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation, or any other conduct which reflects adversely on the student's fitness to practice law.
   a) Any student aware of conduct violating any provision of these regulations is obligated to report such conduct to the Dean.
   b) A student accused of a violation of these regulations has a right to notice and a hearing before a disciplinary committee, where he or she can present evidence and argument, can confront his or her accusers, and can be questioned.
   c) Penalties for a violation of these regulations can range from censure to expulsion from school.
10. The Law School reserves the right to change the schedule of classes, the program of instruction, the courses required for graduation, and any rule or regulation established for the governance of the school or its student body. Any such change may be made applicable to students who are already enrolled.
Massachusetts School of Law has a diverse student body and offers a wide range of student activities for those who want to become involved.

**ATLA (AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION)**
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The MSLAW ATLA Student Chapter is an organization for students who have an interest in developing trial skills. It is affiliated with the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. ATLA offers workshops on issues such as opening and closing statements, admitting evidence, and trial strategy, and also fields a team to represent Massachusetts School of Law at a national level trial competition.

**AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION COMPETITION**
For the past few years, MSLAW students have participated in the American Trial Lawyers Association law school mock trial competition against neighboring schools such as Harvard Law School, Boston University Law School, Vermont Law School, and Suffolk University Law School. MSLAW’s ATLA trial team competition is open to all students who have completed Case Preparation and Evidence.

**BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**
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The Black Law Students Association is an organization whose function is to address the particular needs of minority law students and to provide law-related services to greater Boston minority communities. Membership in BLSA is open to all students.

**BLSA TRIAL ADVOCACY TEAM**
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Each year the Massachusetts School of Law's Trial Advocacy Team competes in the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition for the Northeast Region of the National Black Law Students Association. In this trial advocacy competition, students hone their communication and advocacy skills while demonstrating poise, professionalism, and knowledge of the law throughout the many trials of the tournament. The Northeast Regional competition of the TMMTC is comprised of the 33 member law schools from New England, New Jersey, and New York that are members of the National Black Law Students Association. All students are eligible to participate in this program with preferred status given to students who have completed their first year.

**GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, STUDENT ASSOCIATION**
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Formed in 1997, this group sponsored symposiums on same-sex marriage and domestic partnerships. Members attend functions such as the Annual Lavender Law Conference and get involved in activities of the Massachusetts Gay Lesbian Bar Association and Gay Lesbian Advocates and Defenders.

The association, which consists of “allies” as well as members of the above groups, is dedicated to fostering awareness of and sensitivity to sexual orientation and other human rights issues within the law school and community.

Professor Paula Kaldis is the faculty advisor. Professor Kaldis and a few students usually ride in the Boston/New York AIDS Ride, a 275-mile bicycle journey whose purpose is to raise awareness of and money to combat this dreaded disease.

**STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION (SBA)**
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The Student Bar Association, which is headed by seven law students chosen by vote of the entire student body, engages in many activities, including:

- Sponsorship of its highly successful speakers series, which has included lectures by numerous judges, lawyers, and government officials;
- sponsorship of the Law Day Dinner Dance, at which Massachusetts School of Law presents its annual Justice Thurgood Marshall Human Rights Award;
- sponsorship of various on and off-campus social functions; and
- sponsorship of The Writ, MSLAW’s online student newspaper.

**DELTA THETA PHI LAW FRATERNITY INTERNATIONAL**
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Founded in 1900, this fraternity is one of the leading professional law fraternities in the world. The fraternity provides various social and professional benefits to its members, and sponsors résumé writing workshops and leadership opportunities. Membership in Delta Theta Phi is open to all students.

**3:03 CERTIFICATION**
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3:03 Certification is judicially authorized certification that allows law students, under the supervision of attorneys, to provide needed legal services to indigent persons. Student receive practical insight into the practice of law while serving as unpaid assistants in state or local government offices or with the Committee for Public Counsel. Requirements: Completion of all required first year courses, Evidence, and Case Preparation and Strategy.
Regularly scheduled broadcasts include:

1. **Massachusetts School of Law Educational Forum**
   Produced and hosted by Professor Diane Sullivan and Associate Dean and Professor Michael L. Coyne. Also featuring: “Constitutional Issues in the News,” hosted by Professor Constance Rudnick.

2. **Books of Our Time**
   Produced and hosted by Dean Lawrence R. Velvel

This public awareness-based programming has developed into an award-winning television series. Each program is produced and moderated by MSLAW professors, who prepare the outlines. Dean Lawrence R. Velvel, Associate Dean and Professor Michael L. Coyne, Professor Diane Sullivan, and Professor Constance Rudnick have been responsible for hundreds of the programs. Professors Kurt Olson, Andrej Starkis, Anthony Copani, Peter Malaguti, and Assistant Dean and Professor Joseph Devlin have also been responsible for various programs.

The programs now number over 400 since 1996. On each program, leading experts and authors discuss and answer questions about a major topic in their field or important books they have written. The programs allow members of the public, including students at all levels of the educational process, to quickly become familiar with the most important ideas and facts relating to hundreds of different topics.

MSLAW’s educational programs have won over 234 awards for fine television programming in the last 5 years. In 2001, The Massachusetts School of Law Educational Forum was recognized for its excellence in broadcast journalism when it received a coveted Gracie Allen Award from American Women in Radio & Television (AWRT).

Through broadcast and cable outlets, MSLAW TV is bringing renowned authors, pundits, columnists, and scholars to debate current events and areas of interest to millions of American families.

A list of programs, topics and experts is available on-line at MSLMedia.com, as well as many of the programs themselves. Videotapes and/or DVDs of the programs can be obtained from MSLAW at nominal cost when sought by students, professors, or teachers for educational purposes. To obtain a videotape or DVD of a program, call MSLAW at (978) 681-0800, or write to it at 500 Federal Street, Andover, MA 01810.

**Also Listen on Sirius Satellite Radio:**
Massachusetts School of Law programming is also available on Sirius Satellite Radio-Channel 140 on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m ET. This broadcast is also available live online on the World Radio Network.

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Arthur Broadhurst is a partner in the Andover law firm of Broadhurst Tabit LLP, and he previously served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Attorney Arthur Broadhurst is a member of the bar of both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the state of New Hampshire. He is also the first true graduate of MSLAW, as other members of the early graduating class were all transfer students. He was first elected a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1993, representing the Fifteenth Essex District and retired from that office in 2006. As state representative Arthur Broadhurst served as the Chair of the House Ethics Committee and a member of the Education Committee. He was previously the Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary as well as Chairman of Science and Technology and Chairman of Election Laws.

Like many of MSLAW’s students, Representative Broadhurst worked while attending Salem State College, from which he graduated in 1988. Attorney Broadhurst also teaches Getting Elected and Enacting Legislation at MSLAW.

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The faculty and staff at Massachusetts School of Law are available to answer your questions, address your concerns, and give you guidance. The best place to start is with your Faculty Advisor. However, we are all here to help.

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Massachusetts School of Law has an active career services office that is there to help students gain legal experience while they are in school and to help students obtain a legal job after school.

The career services staff are available to review résumés, discuss personal job searches, and set up mock interviews. Feel free to stop by any time to set up an appointment.

Summary of Services:
The Career Services Office is located next to the Admissions Office. Outside the office on the wall is a bulletin board that is kept current with part-time and full-time legal internships. You can also find information about clerkships, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate programs), and seminar information on specific practice areas.

Inside the office is another bulletin board that posts articles of interest regarding job searching, career web sites, and employment outlook.

The office also stacks volumes of information about firms, government agencies, and companies that have posted job offerings with MSLAW in the past.

Most internship opportunities are directed toward second and third year law students. However, there are some law firms that will take first year students as interns to handle duties such as client intake, maintaining client files, and other general office duties. There are also general job postings for the benefit of first year law students who do not yet have the research experience that is generally required for full legal internships.

WRITING LAB
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Students are encouraged to visit the lab to obtain help with their writing and legal analysis. Students may bring already graded assignments or any other writing samples they wish to have reviewed (such as the personal statement they wrote for law school). Students, however, are not allowed to obtain help on papers that have not yet been graded by their instructors. Check the library for a current schedule of lab hours and staffing.

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Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you succeed at MSLAW.

Disabilities Questionnaire
To receive accommodations for a disability, students must complete the Disabilities Questionnaire concerning their disability and submit the required information. This information helps form the basis for receiving appropriate, reasonable accommodations in the classroom. To receive accommodations in a timely way, students must present documentation of their disability before the semester begins or soon thereafter.

MSLAW employs Jim Cropper, an attorney and a licensed psychologist, as a consultant to meet with students in need of such services. Students may contact him at cropper@mslaw.edu.

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