Chicago’s Only Public Law School
Make a Difference

At UIC John Marshall Law School, our mission is to make a difference in the lives of our students and our community. As part of the University of Illinois at Chicago—Chicago’s largest university and its only public Carnegie Research 1 institution—you’ll have more resources and opportunities than before to impact your community. From our nationally recognized faculty and programs to the impact of our Community Legal Clinics, we offer you more than just an education. At UIC John Marshall, we prepare you with the knowledge, skills, and experience to change lives.

As a UIC John Marshall student, you’ll be able to choose courses from one of the most robust curriculums in the nation; gain valuable, real-world law practice and client experience; and network in Chicago, a world-class city full of opportunity. But the UIC John Marshall experience extends far beyond the classroom. With more than 30 active student organizations on campus—many of which have won national awards—and a legacy that advances diversity on campus and in the legal profession, you’ll find a home in our civic-minded community.

UIC John Marshall Law School isn’t just in Chicago; we are for Chicago. And you’ll be proud of who you’ll become.

Announcing UIC John Marshall Law School

We are proud to announce that on August 16, 2019, The John Marshall Law School and the University of Illinois at Chicago joined to create UIC John Marshall Law School—Chicago’s only public law school. UIC enjoys strengths in areas including health sciences, engineering and technology, urban planning and public affairs, urban education, sustainability, the humanities, and business. As UIC’s 16th college, UIC John Marshall looks forward to creating interdisciplinary programs to train our students for the future of law practice through multidisciplinary perspectives; enhancing our traditional strengths in intellectual property, lawyering skills, and experiential education; and building innovative programs in law and health sciences. As part of UIC, we will expand our community engagement, promote excellence, inspire innovation, and produce the next generation of talented lawyers and leaders for Chicago and the world!

Dean’s Leadership Academy

The Dean’s Leadership Academy provides top students with exclusive mentoring and leadership development opportunities. Facilitated by Dean Darby Dickerson, a three-time dean and award-winning leader in legal education, this invite-only program offers participants dynamic opportunities that include networking with leading members of the judiciary and legal profession, attending bar association and other legal events, engaging in service projects, and developing goals and work steps with Dean Dickerson.
Welcome to UIC John Marshall! This viewbook presents an overview of UIC John Marshall Law School—from our nationally ranked programs to practical training to a campus community invested in your growth as an attorney and changemaker.

The field of law has changed a lot in the last decade. Clients require more customized services, international law impacts most areas of domestic law, and technology disrupts our field just as it does others. It’s no longer enough to understand just the practice and theory of law. To fulfill your oath and responsibilities as a lawyer, you’ll need to be flexible, proactive, and creative.

At UIC John Marshall, we prioritize skills training, and value diversity and inclusiveness. We believe in strong academics and making sure that you have strong professional development opportunities inside and outside the classroom. We’ve invested in passionate professors, a top-notch student life and leadership office, an excellent bar preparation program, and robust career support. And we’re literally changing the campus to meet the needs of tomorrow’s lawyers. But beyond that, we’ll help you develop multiple skill sets, master life-long learning, and cultivate a growth mindset.

At UIC John Marshall, we want students who are engaged, empowered, and love to learn. We want critical thinkers who know their values and think beyond themselves. And we want graduates who are collegial, professional, and driven to make a difference.

Our mission is holistic—we want to change your life, so you can change the lives of others. It starts the minute you arrive on campus. Every day we’ll challenge you to practice excellence, but that challenge begins with a choice.


Darby Dickerson
Dean and Professor of Law

WE WANT STUDENTS WHO ARE ENGAGED, EMPOWERED, AND LOVE TO LEARN.

About Dean Darby Dickerson

Dean Dickerson is the Inaugural Dean of UIC John Marshall Law School. She joined The John Marshall Law School in December 2016, after serving as Dean at Texas Tech University School of Law (2011-2016) and Stetson University College of Law (2003-2011). She will serve as the 2020 President of the Association of American Law Schools. A recipient of AALS’s Section Award for Lifetime Contribution to Legal Research and Writing, Dickerson is the author of the first four editions of the *ALWD Citation Manual*, as well as numerous law review articles. National Jurist magazine ranked her as “one of the [25] most influential people in legal education” in 2017.
Pave Your Path to Justice
JD Curriculum
On your terms. On your schedule.

Tomorrow’s leaders choose UIC John Marshall because they want to make a difference, and the path to success is full of options. Our JD program is designed to not only prepare you to change lives, but also to provide you the flexibility to earn your degree at a pace that works for you—full time or part time. We were one of the first law schools in the country to offer alternatives to the traditional full-time approach, and those part-time day and evening options remain popular with working professionals. We’re also one of the few law schools to offer spring enrollment. And we offer a number of elective courses online, which you can take as a 2L or 3L student.*

Foundational Courses
During your first year of law school, you’ll build the foundation of your legal education by taking required courses, a number of which are part of our #8 ranked Legal Writing program. By the time you select electives and practical training courses, you’ll have a wide range of legal experiences, which will help you identify your passion for an area of law.

Elective Courses
One thing that makes UIC John Marshall so special is the variety and number of electives you can choose from as you design your path to justice. Whether you take International Human Rights, Corporations, or First Amendment Issues in the Digital Age, you’ll develop the strategic, analytical, and transactional skills to change the lives of your clients and impact your community.

Experiential Learning
A UIC John Marshall hallmark is experiential training—in fact, practical experience is guaranteed for all of our students. You’ll hone your skills by working in one of our Community Legal Clinics or 100+ externships, or both!

Concentration Programs
Many students pursue a JD concentration to develop competitive distinction in a specific area of law, including alternative dispute resolution, intellectual property law, international human rights, sustainability, and trial advocacy (litigation).

*UIC John Marshall Law School allows 2L and 3L students to earn up to 30 credits online toward your JD degree.

I chose UIC John Marshall because of the part-time day program. As a non-traditional student, it gave me the ability to take classes and participate in a wide range of student activities on a schedule that worked for me. And I knew I could transition to the full-time program at any time. UIC John Marshall is a special place. I’ve gained a tremendous amount of experience during my time here, and I feel ready to hit the ground running.

Sandi Tanoue (*19)
2018-2019 Executive Lead Articles Editor, UIC John Marshall Law Review
# JD Degree Tracks

## Full-Time Track

Estimated completion: 6 semesters

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*These required courses may be taken at any time during a student’s second or third year. Evidence is a prerequisite to Trial Advocacy. Trial Lawyer may be taken in lieu of Evidence and Trial Advocacy. Similarly, the required credits of clinic or externship experience may be fulfilled any time after a student has earned 30 credit hours.

## Part-Time Track (Day or Evening)

Estimated completion: 8 semesters + 2 summer sessions

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The full-time and part-time tracks presented above provide sample degree schedules. Actual degree schedules may vary based on the semester in which you start your degree and course availability.

Learn more about the JD program at [https://jmls.uic.edu/academics/jd/](https://jmls.uic.edu/academics/jd/).
# Lawyering Skills

**Ranked best in the Midwest.**

Our nationally ranked Lawyering Skills program offers you a significant advantage. Our foundational training in legal research, writing, advocacy, and legal drafting has a reputation for preparing graduates to be practice-ready from their first day as an attorney. These are the skills that employers value the most, and we offer more than just an overview of what you need to succeed. We require double the training students receive at most other law schools.

In the beginning, you focus on legal research and analyzing legal problems. Further along you develop your skills at oral argumentation and pragmatic legal writing. We’ve perfected this part of legal education, and we know it works. And we’re not the only people who think so. U.S. News & World Report has ranked our legal writing program in the top 10 in the nation since the rankings started; in 2019 it was ranked 8th.

Our faculty, who routinely hold leadership positions in the major professional legal writing organizations and have won the top legal-writing awards in the country, are among the best in their field. Additionally, UIC John Marshall is the current national headquarters of Scribes—The American Society of Legal Writers. We have one of only two Scribes student chapters in the U.S.

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*In LS IV, students can specialize their drafting course in civil litigation, criminal law, elder law, employee benefits, family law, health law, information technology law, intellectual property law, international practice, legislation, or real estate law. Students can also take Spanish for Lawyers, a course specifically designed to equip you with the cultural competencies and sensitivities necessary for building a career with Spanish-speaking clients.

Learn more about the Lawyering Skills program at [https://jmls.uic.edu/lawyering-skills/](https://jmls.uic.edu/lawyering-skills/)

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# Legal Writing Resource Center

Your professor gives you a writing assignment, but you’re not sure how to get started. You could really use a one-on-one session with a professional. Under the leadership of Professor and Director Shakira Pleasant, UIC John Marshall's Legal Writing Resource Center holds more than 1,600 one-on-one student conferences each year. This is where you go early, and often, to refine your writing.

Learn more about the Writing Resource Center at [https://jmls.uic.edu/students/writing-resource-center/](https://jmls.uic.edu/students/writing-resource-center/).
Elective Courses
Pursue your passion.

After you’ve completed your required courses, you’ll individualize your legal training by selecting elective courses from one of the most extensive curriculums in the country. We offer more than 250 courses on traditional and emerging legal subjects, many of which reflect areas of law that will impact our communities for decades.

These are only a handful of your options:

- Accounting for Lawyers
- Antitrust Law
- Art & Cultural Heritage Law
- Bankruptcy Law
- Constitutional Law
- Corporations
- Cyber Crime, Information Warfare & Economic Espionage
- Entertainment Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law & Domestic Violence
- First Amendment
- Human Rights, Race & Mass Incarceration
- International Economic Development Law
- International Human Rights Law
- IP in a Digital Environment
- Land Use Control & Zoning
- Local Government Law
- Music Copyright & Licensing
- National Security Law
- Natural Resources Law
- Publishing Law
- Real Estate Transactions
- Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity
- Spanish for Lawyers
- Trademark & Copyright Law Planning and Practice
- Trial Lawyer
- U.S. Free Trade Agreements
- Video Game Law
- Voting Rights & Election Law
- White Collar Crime
- Women, Law, and Feminist Jurisprudence

See the full list of courses available at https://courses.jmls.edu.
Concentration Programs
Focus on what matters to you.

JD concentrations are another way that you can focus your degree and further distinguish yourself in the legal world. We offer concentrations in the following areas:

**JD Concentration in Intellectual Property Law**
Develop an understanding of intellectual property law issues, including patent law, trademark and copyright law, entertainment and cultural property issues, and other IP areas.

**JD Concentration in International Human Rights Law**
Study the interplay of international human rights and issues of gender, race, sexual orientation, and constitutional law.

**JD Concentration in Sustainability**
Concentrate on the emerging, interdisciplinary area of sustainability and its increasing importance in real estate, environmental, and regulatory legal work.

**JD Concentration in Trial Advocacy & Dispute Resolution**
Prepare for a career in litigation and dispute resolution by developing practical arbitration, mediation, negotiation, and trial skills.

Learn more about our JD concentrations at https://jmls.uic.edu/concentrations/.
Community Legal Clinics

Community Enterprise & Solidarity Economy Clinic
Providing not-for-profit organizations and individuals from underserved low- and moderate-income communities with the support to start or grow their businesses.

Conflict Resolution Clinic
Providing mediation and arbitration services to resolve disputes through meaningful conflict resolution.

Family Law & Domestic Violence Clinic
Helping survivors of domestic violence seek orders of protection, find immigration relief, and acquire representation in family law matters.

Fair Housing Legal Support Center & Clinic
Representing victims of housing discrimination and transforming fair housing and fair lending laws throughout the country.

International Human Rights Clinic
Protecting human rights in the U.S. and around the world through public outreach, advocacy, and research.

IP Patent Clinic
Assisting innovation in the real world by helping inventors and small businesses with patent assistance.

IP Trademark Clinic
Assisting mark owners with trademark rights, counseling, and applications.

Pro Bono Litigation Clinic
Providing services related to police misconduct, human trafficking, prisoners’ rights, actual innocence, and more.

Veterans Legal Clinic
Serving those who served by helping with VA benefits appeals and other legal assistance.

Learn more about our Community Legal Clinics at https://jmls.uic.edu/clinics/.
Externships

UIC John Marshall’s Externship Program provides students the opportunity to develop essential skills by working for a judge or at an approved non-profit organization or a government agency. We have more than a hundred offerings, including:

• AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
• American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers
• Center for Disability and Elder Law
• Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
• Chicago Board of Education
• Circuit Court of Cook County
• City of Chicago
• Cook County Public Defender
• Federal Trade Commission
• Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs
• National Immigrant Justice Center
• Social Security Administration
• U.S. Department of Homeland Security
• U.S. Department of Justice
• U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Learn more about our externship opportunities at https://jmls.uic.edu/externships/.

The Fair Housing Legal Clinic taught me how to develop strong client relationships and think outside the box when developing case strategy by working real cases with real clients. Now that I have my own practice, my clients consistently compliment my ability to connect with them, which helps them feel like they are working side by side with me on their case and better understand their rights.

Daissy Dominguez (*'13)
Managing Counsel,
Dominguez Legal Justice Center, LLC
Ms. Dominguez was named the 2017 Ms. JD Woman of Inspiration.

When I started law school, I wanted to be a voice for the voiceless, but I wasn’t sure how to realize that goal. I immediately got involved with the International Human Rights Clinic to advocate for marginalized peoples. Through the clinic, I was able to work with victims of human trafficking and people seeking asylum, among others. This is my passion. Thanks to the Illinois Bar Foundation, I continued to work in community empowerment and asylum through the International Human Rights Clinic Fellowship.

Alejandra Palacios (*'18)
2018-2019 Illinois Bar Foundation International Human Rights Clinic Fellow
Honors Programs
Master the ability to present oral and written arguments.

Our honors programs provide students the opportunity to distinguish themselves by competing in competitions throughout the country, publishing cutting-edge scholarship, or developing leadership skills on an honors board. Join the staff of one of our three student-run journals or try out for a moot court or trial advocacy competition team.

One of the highest academic honors at UIC John Marshall, *UIC John Marshall Law Review* publishes scholarly works on a broad range of legal topics written by legal scholars, practitioners, and members of the review.

**UIC Journal of Privacy & Technology Law (est. 1978)**
*UIC Journal of Privacy & Technology Law* is an international journal focused on information policy, cyberspace governance, electronic databases, intellectual property, and privacy.

*UIC Review of Intellectual Property Law* is a scholarly review dedicated to intellectual property law topics, including patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret law.

**Moot Court Honors Program**
Students compete through written briefs and oral arguments at various subject-specific interscholastic moot court competitions across the country and the world.

**Trial Advocacy & Dispute Resolution Honors Board and Council**
Students compete in interscholastic trial, arbitration, negotiation, mediation, and client-counseling competitions. Our Trial Advocacy program is currently ranked #21 in the nation.

Learn more about our honors programs at https://jmls.uic.edu/honors/.
Advanced Degree Programs
Heighten your knowledge. Expand your impact.

Joint JD/LLM Degree Programs
Once you select an area of law in which to pursue your career, you may decide to complement your JD by also earning a Master of Laws (LLM). Our joint-degree program will save you time and tuition by letting you cross-apply 10 credits earned toward your LLM to your JD.

LLM Degree Programs
We also offer Master of Laws (LLM) programs to practicing attorneys interested in career specialization. As many of our electives are cross-listed courses, JD students have the added benefit of sharing the classroom with knowledgeable practicing professionals.

Earn a joint JD/LLM in any of the following areas to gain a deeper understanding of the rules and regulations that impact your clients:

- Employee Benefits
- Estate Planning
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Law
- Privacy & Technology Law
- Real Estate Law
- Tax Law

The joint JD/LLM in Real Estate Law has been extremely valuable to me throughout my career, as the law permeates every aspect of real estate. I had the opportunity to learn the practical aspects of the field from the top practicing attorneys in Chicago.

Peter Eisenberg (JD ’00, LLM ’00)
Principal, Clark Street Real Estate
Member, Center for Real Estate Law Advisory Board

Learn more about our joint JD/LLM degrees at https://jmls.uic.edu/joint-degrees/.
Learn more about our LLM degrees at https://jmls.uic.edu/LLMdegrees/.
Student Life & Leadership

There’s more to your law school experience than what you learn in the classroom. Whether you’re looking for leadership and professional development opportunities, want to connect with like-minded students, or just need a little personal support, the Office of Student Life & Leadership is your go-to resource.

Professional Development Fund
When you find a law-related opportunity not otherwise funded by the Law School, you can apply to our Student Professional Development Fund for reimbursement of some travel and other expenses.

Student Veterans Resource Center
Recognizing the unique situation of student veterans, we created the Student Veterans Resource Center to provide veterans and active servicemembers a space in which to connect and study together.

Serenity Room
The Serenity Room is open to any student for quiet meditation, prayer, yoga, or other wellness practices.

Professional Clothes Closet
To make sure students dress their best for career fairs, interviews, networking events, externships, and the workplace, the Law School provides a professional clothes closet.

Student Organizations
With more than 30 student organizations on campus, many of whom have won national awards, you’ll find a professional, cultural, or political group to enrich your law school experience.

Law School Counseling Center
Counseling can be a powerful tool to manage the stress of law school. UIC John Marshall’s Counseling Center offers confidential services for students to confront those challenges head on.

Food Pantry
If you are struggling to feed yourself or your family, food is always available for those who need it.

Bridge-to-Practice Program
To help graduating students transition into the business of law, we’ve created a program addressing the economics of law practice, business development, creative networking, how to maintain your license, attorney wellness, and professional development plans.

Learn more about the Office of Student Life & Leadership at https://jmls.uic.edu/students/.
Additional Student Events

In addition to events hosted by student organizations, the Law School presents a number of opportunities for students to interact with the faculty, administration, and members of the legal community.

Dean's Conversation Series
The Dean's Conversation Series welcomes inspiring figures to campus for an intimate conversation with Dean Dickerson. Guests have included Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein; Mark Potok of the Southern Poverty Law Center; LTG Flora D. Darpino, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General; and Illinois Supreme Court Justice P. Scott Neville Jr., as well as prominent alumni, including Mark Pedowitz ('78), President, CW Television Network; Sen. Michael Hastings ('14); and Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch ('97).

Dinners with the Deans
Throughout the school year, UIC John Marshall hosts a number of free, informal dinners at which students have a chance to better get to know the Law School administration and faculty members.
Diversity
A legacy of access and opportunity.

Diversity and opportunity have always been guiding ideals at the Law School, and we remain dedicated to diversifying the legal profession. More than a third of our entering students and our faculty members proudly identify as persons of diverse races and ethnicities. We actively recruit and support minority and otherwise-underrepresented students. Our Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion hosts diversity programs, including the Unity Dinner, Diversity Week, and other academic-focused programs to ensure your success as a student. And our affinity student organizations offer you the opportunity to further change lives out in the community. Diversity is one of the hallmarks for measuring our success. We’re proud to be one of the most diverse law schools in the nation and to be the only law school inducted into the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame.

Famous Firsts
• Jessie Cook, our first female student, graduated in 1903.
• James Randle, our first African-American student, graduated in 1904.
• William Rodriguez, our first Hispanic student, graduated in 1912.
• Euclid Taylor, the first African-American lawyer to teach at an integrated law school, began teaching at UIC John Marshall in 1934.
• K. Elizabeth Ohi, our first Japanese female student and the first Japanese-American female lawyer in the U.S., earned her JD in 1937 and her LLM in 1938.

Did You Know?
We have two deans dedicated to diversity and inclusion at the Law School. Assistant Dean Tania A. Luma works to enhance the Law School’s inclusive culture by developing diversity programs, trainings, and partnerships. Associate Dean Samuel V. Jones helps develop strategic and operational policies that attract and retain diverse faculty and students, including the SCALES conditional program.

Learn more about the Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at https://jmls.uic.edu/diversity/.
Financial Aid & Scholarship Support
The freedom to focus on your future.

Automatic Scholarship Consideration
We know that financial concerns are at the top of the list for many students, so we’ve taken the legwork out of the equation. As soon as you apply to UIC John Marshall, you’ll be automatically considered for our full range of entering student scholarships.

Additional UIC John Marshall scholarships become available after you complete your first year of law school. Through the generosity of our alumni and supporters, we offer a number of scholarships that are awarded based on academic performance, financial need, service to the Law School, and service to the community. And each year, we provide students a list of additional outside scholarship opportunities for further financial support.

Financial Literacy Counseling
In addition to providing full-service financial aid support, we’re proud to provide students with financial literacy information. The Office of Financial Aid has partnered with the AccessLex Institute to assist our law students with challenges and barriers they may face funding their legal education. Our advisors are available for one-on-one counseling related to loans, repayments, and other financial issues.

See the full list of Law School-and donor-funded scholarships at https://jmls.uic.edu/students/scholarships/.
Learn more about Financial Aid support at https://jmls.uic.edu/students/financial-aid/.
Academic Support
Train your brain for success.

Associate Dean Rodney Fong has worked at, consulted with, and completed accreditation visits at a number of law schools, so he’s seen the big picture and the small details that make all the difference. He’s brought that expertise to UIC John Marshall to provide you with the academic support to help you excel throughout law school and on the bar exam. Employing research on learning theory, cognitive psychology, and neuroscience, Associate Dean Fong has combined his knowledge, experience, and research to present a preeminent academic support package to enhance your ability to learn and your capacity to succeed.

Learn more about Academic Achievement and Bar Preparation at https://jmls.uic.edu/academic-achievement/.

Professor Rodney Fong, Assistant Dean for Academic Achievement, Program Assessment & Bar Preparation
Academic Achievement

The transition from college or employment into law school can be difficult for many students. You may feel a little overwhelmed at transitioning from the textbook/lecture model of your undergraduate work to the casebook/question-and-answer model of legal education. Our experienced Academic Achievement team will guide you through this transition by providing instruction, counseling, and meaningful feedback tailored to your level in law school.

Bar Preparation

One of the challenges of studying for the bar exam is the amount of information you need to review in a very short amount of time. With 12 subjects to study and just over 60 days to do it, the potential for information overload is high. Our goal is not only to prepare you for the bar exam’s testing formats and to review the rules of law, but to also optimize the study and review process, so you maximize your performance on the exam.
Faculty
Leaders in legal education.

UIC John Marshall’s full-time faculty are recognized for their expertise and scholarship in disciplines as diverse as bankruptcy law, constitutional law, fair housing law, health law, intellectual property law, international human rights, and others. Many of our faculty members also hold leadership positions in the most prominent legal education organizations.

We supplement instruction from our full-time faculty by drawing on the expertise of adjunct professors who bring practical advice and experience to the classroom. We’re proud of the fact that many of the adjunct professors who help teach and mentor our students are also our alumni.

Meet our faculty at https://jmls.uic.edu/directory/faculty/.

Recent Full-Time Faculty Service & Awards

Dean Darby Dickerson is the 2020 President of the Association of American Law Schools.

Professor Alberto Bernabe is a member of the Academia de Jurisprudencia y Legislacion in Puerto Rico.

Clinical Professor Allison K. Bethel serves on the Executive Committee of the AALS Section of Clinical Education.

Professor Kim. D. Chanbonpin was inducted as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She was also appointed Ex-Officio to the ISBA Criminal Justice Section Council for 2019-2020.

Assistant Professor Sarah Dávila-Ruhaak serves on the U.S. Human Rights Network International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Task Force.

Assistant Professor Yelena Duterte was elected President of the National Law School Veterans Clinic Consortium.

Associate Dean Rodney Fong is a member of the ABA Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline and was appointed to the LSAC Assessment Committee.

Professor Marc Ginsberg is a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Illinois Evidence.

Assistant Professor Renee Hatcher is the Co-Chair of the AALS Clinicians of Color Subcommittee. She was honored with the Shining Star Award from the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women and named a 2019 National Emerging Scholar by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*.

Professor Kevin L. Hopkins is the Professor-Reporter of the Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee.

Professor Cecil J. Hunt II is one of The National Black Lawyers Top 100. He recently joined the John Howard Association Prison Inspection Committee.

Professor Kathryn J. Kennedy was appointed to the ABA Section of Taxation Nominating Committee and was reappointed to the ISBA Employee Benefits Section Council.

Professor Jason Kilborn is the Advisory Commissioner to the Seoul Bankruptcy Court. He is also a World Bank Short-Term Consultant on Personal Insolvency Reform for the EU Georgia Financial Inclusion and Accountability Project.

Professor Daryl Lim is the 2019 Thomas Edison Innovation Fellow at George Mason University’s Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property.

Professor William B.T. Mock is the ABA Liaison to the U.N. Open-ended Working Group on Ageing and serves as a member of the AALS Section of North American Cooperation Executive Committee.

Assistant Professor Shakira D. Pleasant received the 2019 Distinguished Service Award from the Southeastern Association of Law Schools.

Professor Steven Schwinn serves on the ABA Committee on Public Education.

Professor Mark E. Wojcik is the President of Scribes—The American Society of Legal Writers, Chair-Elect of the AALS Section on International Law, Secretary of the AALS Section on Comparative Law, and Treasurer of the AALS Section on Defamation and Privacy.
Career & Professionalism Support
Empowering you in your career pursuits.

Career Services
When you graduate, we want you to find a great job and that takes persistence, preparation, and planning. At UIC John Marshall, we’re ready to help—not only with career-counseling services and resources, but also with guidance to help you build your resume in law school.

Our seven career counselors will be eager to work with you. They offer:

- Alumni mentor program
- Career development workshops
- Career panels
- In-house and online employment research resources
- Mock interviews
- Networking receptions
- On-Campus Interviews (OCI)
- One-on-one counseling
- Resume and cover letter review

Professional Development
Under the leadership of Associate Dean Margaret O’Mara Frossard, a former Illinois Appellate Court Justice, the Law School’s Office of Professionalism & Career Strategy offers innovative opportunities to help you prepare for the legal workplace. Through a number of different programs, students have the opportunity to interact with experienced members of the legal community who share insights about resolving ethical challenges and how to distinguish yourself to employers. After you graduate, the support continues with programs like the Lawyer-to-Lawyer Mentoring Program, which pairs experienced mentors and new lawyer mentees.

“ As soon as I saw the position listed for the Chicago Transit Authority, I set up an appointment with Career Services. They helped me polish my resume and prepare for my interview, and I got the job. I’m thrilled to be working for one of Chicago’s premier government agencies.”

Andre Sutton (’17)
Associate Attorney, Chicago Transit Authority

Learn more about Career Services at https://jmls.uic.edu/career-services/.
Additional Support & Resources

Courtrooms
With Dirksen Federal Courthouse right across the street, and UIC John Marshall’s three courtrooms, you’ll experience the trial and appellate environments long before you graduate. In addition to hosting our Moot Court and nationally ranked Trial Advocacy team practices, as well as a number of practice-based courses, our courtrooms have hosted the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and other judicial bodies.

Louis L. Biro Law Library
Occupying three floors of the Law School, UIC John Marshall’s Louis L. Biro Law Library offers access to a full spectrum of legal databases and research services, including free access to online subscription services like Hein Online, Lexis, Bloomberg, and numerous specialty databases, as well as individual and group study rooms. Our professional librarians—all of whom have advanced degrees in both law and library science—are available to provide practical assistance to make sure you find what you need.

Community Legal Clinics Building
Officially opened in 2013, many of our Community Legal Clinics operate out of a fully renovated, LEED-certified building that was designed with both clients and the environment in mind. In addition to adhering to U.S. Green Building Council standards, the building features private interview rooms and a floor plan engineered to support the needs of affected clients, including veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Collaboration Commons
In Fall 2019, we unveiled our new Collaboration Commons, dedicated to helping students enhance their legal studies and hone important skills. The Collaboration Commons features a range of customizable work and study spaces, including study rooms designed for student groups; meeting booths; an idea bar; and café-style seating. All spaces have floor-to-ceiling whiteboards and computer monitors that offer students the flexibility to work together on documents or communicate with classmates in other locations.
Alumni Community
The support to help you succeed.

With more than 19,000 alumni worldwide—and more than 11,500 in the Chicago area alone—you’ll have familiar faces to turn to after you graduate. Many of our alumni take an active role in the success of our students by mentoring current students and young alumni, establishing endowed scholarships, and hiring recent graduates at their firms.

Our alumni stay connected to UIC John Marshall by attending networking opportunities, annual meetings, and special events, like our annual Hall of Distinction Induction Ceremony and Judges & Elected Officials Reception. UIC John Marshall has more active alumni on the bench in Illinois than any other law school.

Current State & Federal Legislative Officials

**Rep. Darin LaHood (’96)**
(R-I, 18th District)
U.S. House of Representatives

**Sen. Michael Hastings (’14)**
(D-19th District)
Illinois State Senate

**Sen. Robert Martwick (’96)**
(D-10th District)
Illinois State Senate

(R-82nd District)
Minority Leader, Illinois House of Representatives

**Rep. Kelly Burke (’92)**
(D-36th District)
Illinois House of Representatives

(D-32nd District)
Illinois House of Representatives

**Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch (’97)**
(D-7th District)
Illinois House of Representatives

Notable Alumni

**Adamantios Androutsopoulos (JD ’60, LLM ’62)**
former Prime Minister of Greece

**Bernie Cahill (’93)**
Founder, Activist Artists Management, a Hollywood talent agency

**Hon. Joy V. Cunningham (’82)**
Judge, Illinois Appellate Court
first African-American female President of the Chicago Bar Association

**William M. Daley (’75)**
former White House Chief of Staff to President Obama; former U.S. Secretary of Commerce

**Craig Donohue (’87)**
Executive Chairman & CEO, OCC; former CEO, CME Group

**Hon. Timothy C. Evans (’69)**
Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

**Hon. Thomas Fitzgerald (’68)**
former Chief Justice, Illinois Supreme Court

**Hon. Charles Freeman (’62)**
first African-American Justice, Illinois Supreme Court

**Mary Ann Hynes (JD ’71, LLM ’75)**
Senior Counsel, Dentons
first female General Counsel of a Fortune 500 Company (CCH, Inc.)

**Ralla Klepak (’64)**
Principal, Ralla Klepak & Associates
early LGBTQ activist; member of the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame

**Leo Melamed (’55)**
Chairman Emeritus, CME Group

**Hon. Kenneth Moy (’61)**
first Asian-American elected to county government in Illinois and judge in DuPage County

**Adrian Neritani (LLM ’02)**
former U.N. Permanent Representative of Albania

**Mark Pedowitz (’78)**
President, The CW Television Network

**Antonio M. Romanucci (’85)**
Founding Partner, Romanucci & Blandin LLC
President, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association

**Nathan Ross (’98)**
Television and Film Producer, Dallas Buyers Club; HBO’s Big Little Lies and Sharp Objects

**Hon. Edith Sampson (’25)**
first African-American female elected judge in Illinois; first African-American U.S. delegate appointed to the U.N.

**Hon. Evelyn R. Sanguinetti (’98)**
first Latina lieutenant governor of Illinois

**Rev. Dr. Janette C. Wilson (’80)**
Executive Director of PUSH Excel, Rainbow PUSH Coalition

“...The UIC John Marshall alumni community will motivate you to expect the best out of yourself and continuously inspire you to work hard to exceed those expectations."

Christina Faklis Adair (’13)
Assistant State’s Attorney, Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office
Chicago
Our city is your campus.

As a major metropolitan center of finance, culture, transportation, industry, medicine, and higher education—and home to one of the largest legal markets in the U.S.—Chicago gives our students all the advantages of living in a world-class city. In addition to the second largest circuit court system in the country and numerous law firms, many major businesses, government agencies, and non-profit organizations are headquartered here in America’s Second City, including the American Bar Association, United Airlines, Kraft Foods, and McDonald's.

Located downtown in Chicago’s Loop, within a block of all major elevated and subway lines, UIC John Marshall’s central location allows degree candidates to take advantage of the myriad of resources and provides easy access to numerous state and federal institutions including:

- Richard J. Daley Center, headquarters of the Circuit Court of Cook County
- Everette M. Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, home to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- Chicago Board of Trade
- Kluczynski Federal Building
- Metcalfe Federal Building
- Chicago Bar Association

Before choosing UIC John Marshall, I decided I wanted to attend a quality school in a quality city. I wanted to live in a city that offered more than just a legal education. Chicago offered sports, concerts, plays, and cultural diversity. Chicago gave me refuge when studying became a challenge, and taking advantage of what the city offered helped me to be the best student I could possibly be.

Oluchi Ifebi ('17)
Staff Attorney, Cabrini Green Legal Aid
Spring 2017 Sprague Scholar

Ms. Ifebi was named one of the 2017 Law Students of the Year by National Jurist magazine.
University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)
Chicago’s only public Carnegie Research 1 institution.

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)—Chicago’s largest university and its only public Carnegie Research 1 institution—features 16 academic colleges, including UIC John Marshall, that serve more than 33,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Recognized as one of the most ethnically rich and culturally diverse campuses in the nation, UIC is a leader in providing access to underrepresented students and an integral part of the educational, technological, and cultural fabric of one of the world’s greatest cities. UIC graduates are leaders in business, law, health sciences, engineering, education, liberal arts and sciences, urban planning, and social work, as well as architecture, design and the arts.

As a UIC student, you will have access to a number of new and expanded resources, including child care, university housing, recreation facilities, and larger campus events.

Best Value Schools: #8
(The Wall Street Journal)

Best Public Universities: #21
(The Wall Street Journal)

- UIC John Marshall students can learn more about housing options at https://housing.uic.edu.
- More information about recreation facilities is available online at https://recreation.uic.edu.
- Student parents can learn more about the UIC Children’s Center at https://childrenscenter.uic.edu.
Take the next step and prepare to change lives by visiting https://jmls.uic.edu/changelives.

Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Law School not to engage in discrimination or harassment against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, citizenship status, ancestry, age, order of protection status, genetic information, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and gender expression), unfavorable discharge from the military, or status as a protected veteran. The Law School will comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination, equal opportunity, and affirmative action laws, orders, and regulations. This nondiscrimination policy applies to admissions, employment, and access to and treatment in the Law School's programs and activities.