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AT MICHIGAN, OUR PEOPLE AND APPROACH SET US APART.

You’ll receive exceptional teaching in the foundations of the law along with the practical training you need to make a lasting impact on society. But Michigan Law is more than academics and opportunity. Bonds formed here last a lifetime because our students and faculty believe that one person’s success doesn’t have to come at someone else’s expense. Our collaborative pursuit of excellence makes us better scholars and lawyers, and creates a law school EXPERIENCE THAT STICKS WITH YOU FOREVER.

So as you think about law school, consider not just where, but how and with whom you want to spend the next three years.

Think Michigan.
JOIN A COMMUNITY OF UNIMAGINABLY TALENTED PEOPLE. The real magic at Michigan Law is how extraordinary individuals form a community. Our students converge on Ann Arbor from across the nation and around the globe. As they leave old friends behind, the intimacy and energy of the Law School leads them to find new friends in their classmates—a development that few expect, and that few law schools offer. The same students who debate opposing positions in class will later chat over dinner in the Lawyers Club about an upcoming symposium they are co-leading, or grab coffee with a professor to discuss employment interviews. At Michigan Law, students and faculty create an intellectually stimulating and close-knit community whose norms are rooted in respect and professionalism. Chalk it up to the vibrancy of Ann Arbor, the spirit of a football Saturday, or the ambiance of the Law Quad: Michigan is a place that will shape you as a lawyer and a person.

2016 INCOMING CLASS (ESTIMATE AS OF JULY 22)

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| MEDIAN GPA |
| 3.78 |

| MEDIAN LSAT |
| 168 |

| ENROLLED |
| 300 |

| APPLIED |
| 5,058 |

| 1 OR MORE YEARS OFF AFTER UNDERGRAD |
| 72% |

| MICHIGAN RESIDENTS |
| 19% |

| 45% |

| 55% |

| 2016 INCOMING CLASS |

"THERE'S SOMETHING UNIQUE ABOUT THE WAY WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER."

When I expressed resignation about my Contracts final, a classmate sent me her outline without my asking. That's the kind of environment we foster: one where everyone enables each other's success."
CHART YOUR OWN COURSE. Michigan is more than a top law school. Our faculty's experience and acclaim are as broad as the law itself, and we are part of a comprehensive research university that over the course of two centuries, has earned a worldwide reputation for academic excellence and an unmatched commitment to discovery. Working with brilliant minds in business, engineering, medicine, public health, and more, we take an interdisciplinary approach to complex problem solving that addresses today's challenges and anticipates tomorrow's. To supplement their study of the law and its applications, we encourage our students to explore all that U-M offers—through a formal or ad hoc (that you design) dual-degree program, by taking up to 12 credits outside the Law Quad in any field of graduate work, or by enjoying the endless array of speakers and events attracted to Ann Arbor.

DUAL DEGREES OFFERED

• Law and Business Administration
• Law and Chinese Studies
• Law and Economics
• Law and Health Administration
• Law and Information
• Law and Japanese Studies
• Law and Modern Middle Eastern & North African Studies
• Law and Natural Resources
• Law and Public Health
• Law and Public Policy
• Law and Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies
• Law and Social Work
• Law and Urban & Regional Planning
• Law and World Politics

PERCENTAGE OF THE STUDENT BODY TAKING CLASSES OUTSIDE THE LAW SCHOOL IN A GIVEN YEAR

100 TOP 10 GRADUATE PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

10%

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SYMPOSIA AND CONFERENCES HELD AT MLAW IN THE LAST THREE ACADEMIC YEARS INCLUDE

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES: LEGAL AND REGULATORY HURDLES INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO FINANCIAL STABILITY

TO DEPLOYMENT // COMPETING VISIONS OF A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE // CORPORATE LAW IN ASIA: THE FRONTIER OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP INNOVNT UNTL PROVEN POOR: FIGHTING THE CRIMINALIZATION OF POVERTY

Nicolas Rahat, JD/MPP '17, Program Editor, Michigan Journal of Law & Business.

Ed Prescott,encialenttesE: Student Attorney, Community and Economic Development Clinic.
CONNECTION WITH

22,000

MICHIGAN LAW ALUMNI

Regular On-Campus Networking Events with Top Firms
Mock Interviews with Alumni
Individually Selected Alumni Mentors for Chicago, DC, New York City

Alumni-Student Summer Receptions Nationwide
On-Campus Speed Networking
Weekly Alumni Speakers and Workshops
STUDY AT THE PLACE THAT WROTE THE BOOK ON INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW. Literally. Our faculty are globally recognized experts on all the major economies outside the United States, as well as challenges, such as refugee law and human trafficking. Michigan Law professors are invited to visiting appointments at universities around the world, have served on the European Court of Justice, and have advised the United Nations on prosecuting the Khmer Rouge and civil rights violators in Sri Lanka. But you won't just learn about global law; you can experience it. Whether you're participating in an international externship, interning abroad in a law firm or NGO, or working in one of our clinics involving cross-border issues, your affiliation with Michigan Law will open doors around the world.

OVERSEAS EXTERNSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, ACADEMIC, AND CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES, 2015-2016

STUDY ABROAD
Amsterdam Law School • Bucerius Law School (Hamburg) • European University Institute (Florence) • Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva) • KU Leuven (Belgium) • University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law • Waseda University Law School (Tokyo)

INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS/INTERNSHIPS
AIRE Centre Internship • Geneva Externship Program • Program for Cambodian Law and Development • Program in Refugees and Asylum Law • South Africa Externship Program

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"Michigan Law has allowed me to do more in public international law than I ever imagined. Not only do the study-abroad opportunities complement what you learn in the classroom, but they can also make a substantial difference in your career path. What's wonderful about Michigan is that regardless of your interests, the School will SUPPORT YOU AND ENABLE YOU TO PURSUE YOUR PASSIONS."
LIVE THE LAWYER'S LIFE. The core of the Michigan Law experience is rigorous doctrinal training, complemented by the critical development of practical skills. The individualized instruction of our Academic Writing Support Program and our required Legal Practice Program will help you hone your expertise in legal research, analysis, writing, oral advocacy, and negotiation. Michigan is one of only a handful of states that allows students to represent clients in court after the 1L year, and we offer an Unemployment Insurance Clinic that allows second-semester 1Ls to begin lawyering even before their first summer jobs. Moreover, we guarantee at least one clinic to every 2L and 3L student. You also can contribute to a student-managed journal, lead a student organization, have a full-time or part-time externship experience at a wide range of nonprofit and government employers, or devote yourself to a cause you care about through our Pro Bono Program. As one of the nation's great public universities, civic engagement is central to our mission, so as you benefit from the opportunities to put your classroom learning into practice, you'll find that the community simultaneously is benefitting from your work.

“As a student-attorney, I advised startups on entity formation, equity structuring, intellectual property, employment agreements, and licensing. Almost none of my peers—even those who went to Tier 1 law schools based in Silicon Valley—had a similar clinical experience.

THE SKILLS I GAINED IN THE CLINIC ALLOWED ME TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING WHEN I ARRIVED AT MY FIRM, and prepared me to launch my own startup in law school.”

85,387 HOURS WORKED BY CLINIC STUDENTS IN THE LAST ACADEMIC YEAR, SERVING 1,674 CLIENTS

227 STUDENTS CAN LIVE IN THE LAWYERS CLUB, ONLY 20 YARDS FROM 1L CLASSES

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LEGAL CLINICS

- Child Advocacy Law Clinic
- Child Welfare Appellate Clinic
- Civil Mediation Clinic
- Civil-Criminal Litigation Clinic
- Community and Economic Development Clinic
- Criminal Appellate Practice
- Entrepreneurship Clinic
- Environmental Law Clinic
- Federal Appellate Litigation Clinic

Human Trafficking Clinical Program
International Transactions Clinic
Juvenile Justice Clinic
Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
Michigan Innocence Clinic
Pediatric Advocacy Clinic
Transactional Lab & Clinic
Unemployment Insurance Clinic
Veterans Legal Clinic
BE CAREER READY WITH A DEGREE FROM MICHIGAN LAW. The proof lies in our expansive alumni network, whose members include managing partners at global law firms, cabinet members and legislators in the United States and abroad, justices on international and U.S. courts, C-suite executives, academics, activists, and more. The block "M" is a source of pride that our graduates display worldwide, but it also is a symbol of excellence that makes a Michigan Law degree a powerful asset as you advance through your career. Time and again, employers in all sectors tell us that they know hiring a Michigan Law graduate means hiring a smart, team-oriented leader. We will prepare you not just for your first job out of law school but for your entire career—and your global network of Michigan alumni and the resources of our Office of Career Planning always will be available to guide you, whatever your next step might be.

"My courses in Securities Regulation and Enterprise Organization readied me for my summer internship at a prominent New York City firm—

I FELT WELL PREPARED TO WORK ON COMPLEX ISSUES in commercial litigation. And Michigan’s intensive writing courses, as well as my work with professors, taught me how to research problems and write concise solutions, skills that will be critical in my clerkships."

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MLAW CLASS OF 2015 WHO WERE EMPLOYED OR CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION 10 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

JURIDICAL CLERKSHIP 18%
PUBLIC INTEREST 18%
BUSINESS 6%
GOVERNMENT 6%
ACADEMIC 1%

97.2%

NEW YORK 23% WASHINGTON, D.C. 12% CALIFORNIA 12%
ILLINOIS 11%
MICHIGAN 11%

MOST POPULAR MARKETS (THREE-YEAR AVERAGE)

ATTORNEY COUNSELORS WHO COLLECTIVELY HAVE MORE THAN 70 YEARS OF DIVERSE PRACTICE EXPERIENCE IN THE LARGEST LEGAL MARKETS IN THE U.S. AND OVERSEAS

300+ CLERKSHIPS SECURED (2013-2016)
526 OFFICES ON CAMPUS FOR 2016 EARLY INTERVIEW WEEK
5000+ INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED
APPLICATION FEE $75

REGULAR APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15
EARLY DECISION (BINDING) DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15

REQUIRED MATERIALS
Completed application form
Letter(s) of recommendation (one required, three recommended)
Resume or list of activities and work experience
Personal statement

OPTIONAL MATERIALS
Up to two additional essays (from among seven topics)

TIPS, GUIDANCE, AND QUESTIONS
law.umich.edu/jdapp
law.jd.admissions@umich.edu
734.764.0537

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS
law.umich.edu/admissions

SUMMER START
One-quarter of Michigan’s entering class begins in late May. The summer start offers lots of advantages: a more flexible schedule, allowing graduation after the ninth semester in December, or taking a semester off or doing a dual degree and graduating with the rest of the cohort in May. It also means fewer courses (with ten doctrinal law credit classes) rather than three law credit classes, along with Legal Practice, and an even lighter-than-typical community thanks to the small size that provides the summer months and the small number of classmates occupying the dorms intended for fall intake.

Apply
A MICHIGAN LAW EDUCATION IS AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE, and our dedicated counselors in the Office of Financial Aid will work with you throughout the application process and your time on campus to identify the resources that will help you achieve your goals.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Michigan Law offers considerable financial support to our students and graduates, with more than $3.5 million in grants going to each incoming class. Entering 1L JD candidates may qualify for merit scholarships (whether outright, or made in competition with awards from other schools) and need-based grants. (About 75 to 80 percent of our students take out Stafford and Grad PLUS loans.)

SUMMER FUNDING
We provide guaranteed summer funding to all 1Ls, regardless of job sector, and to 2Ls working in government and public interest, along with a variety of post-graduate fellowships for those entering these fields.

DEBT MANAGEMENT
Our Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) is second to none, providing generous support for graduates pursuing modest-paying law-related positions. Financial Aid counselors will work with you as you approach graduation and after you begin your career in order to identify the loan repayment options that will serve you best.

To help visualize the impact of debt on your future career, visit "Debt Wizard," a planning tool unique to Michigan Law.

law.umich.edu/debtwizard