At American University Washington College of Law, we are a community of accomplished faculty, engaged administrators, exceptional students, and extraordinary alumni leaders who continue our 126 year tradition of excellence in legal education, skills-based teaching, and relevant, high-impact scholarship.

The spirit of our tradition lies in the hearts and minds of our community members, who are dedicated to the professional advancement and well-being of our students, and who strive to “Champion What Matters,” locally, nationally, and internationally.

Founded by pioneering women in 1896, a time when few women had the opportunity to attend professional schools, we have continued to build upon a tradition of inclusive excellence. Our law school now features top programs in clinical legal education, public interest, international law, trial advocacy, health law, intellectual property, law and government, and much more. With our location one block from the Metro Red Line in Northwest Washington, D.C., our students are connected more than ever to all that the nation’s capital has to offer.

Our faculty and administration form a community of caring leaders who utilize their diverse experience and vision in service of the professional aspirations of our students. We take great pride in having exceptionally dedicated faculty whose experience, impact, and contributions touch every area of the law.

So, too, our nearly 20,000 alumni have made extraordinary achievements in all areas of private law, business, and consulting, as well as government service, public interest, academia, and humanitarian work around the world.

As Dean of American University Washington College of Law, I am committed to the advancement of our tradition of excellence. It is my pleasure to invite you to visit our campus and experience for yourself our exceptional community.

Sincerely,

Roger A. Fairfax, Jr.
Dean and Professor of Law
We see the nation’s capital as another classroom. Washington, D.C. is one of the most dynamic and diverse cities in the world—home to branches of government, the U.S. Supreme Court, international organizations, major law firms, and multinational corporations. The city also boasts world-class restaurants, unrivaled museums and venues, and wonderfully diverse neighborhoods. You can find a place that fits your lifestyle that’s an easy commute to our law campus.

**THE D.C. EXPERIENCE**

Among the many advantages of studying law in Washington, D.C., is the opportunity to integrate practical experience with the theory of the classroom. Our Externship Program provides students the opportunity to receive academic credit for substantive legal work and reflect on their experience through seminars conducted by a broad cross-section of AUWCL full-time and adjunct faculty. Each year, more than 300 students gain practical, hands-on legal experience with government agencies, public interest organizations, courts, and law firms engaged in pro bono work.

The program hosts specialized fairs for upper-level students to connect them with employers focused on particular practice areas such as business, finance, health, public interest, non-profit, intellectual property, criminal law, immigration, and labor and employment law. The program’s largest event is hosted spring semester for first- and second-year students, and is attended by more than 150 organizations recruiting externs for summer and academic year placements.

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**Our students have recently externed at:**
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- Children’s Law Center
- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
- Maryland Office of the Public Defender
- Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office
- The World Bank
- United States Department of Justice
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
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**Academic Programs & Areas of Study**

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- JD/MA in International Affairs
- JD/MS in Justice, Law and Criminology
- JD/MBA (Master of Public Administration)
- JD/MPP (Master of Public Policy)
- JD/MBA (Master of Business Administration)
- JD/LL.M with University of Ottawa, Canada
- JD/LL.M in International and European Business Law with Universidad Pontificia Comillas (ICADE), Madrid, Spain
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- JD/LL.M with Libera Universita Internazionale Degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli (LUISS), Rome, Italy

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**Program Options for International Students**

Our programs include the full three-year JD program, one-year LL.M. programs, and an option to enroll in the JD Transfer for Foreign Lawyers/LL.M which allows foreign lawyers to take coursework required to take a U.S. bar exam.

Our global network of alumni place this law school at the top of the list for students who want an international focus for their studies and career.

wcl.american.edu/school/admissions

**International Exchange and Study Abroad Programs**

The law school offers an exciting and diverse selection of study abroad opportunities including short-term summer programs, semester exchange opportunities, and international dual degrees. We know that studying abroad not only exposes students to the legal and judicial systems of other countries, but also allows them to take part in a cultural and professional exchange. We offer over 35 study abroad programs in 20 countries on five continents.

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**Practical Legal Experience**

**Clinical Program**

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- Civil Advocacy Clinic
- Community Economic Equity Development Clinic
- Criminal Justice Clinic
- Decarceration and Re-Entry Clinic
- Disability Rights Law Clinic
- Entrepreneurship Law Clinic
- Gender Justice Clinic
- Glushko-Samuelson Intellectual Property Law Clinic
- Immigrant Justice Clinic
- International Human Rights Law Clinic
- Janet R. Spragens Federal Income Tax Clinic
- Rising for Justice Clinic (not an in-house clinic)

**Externship Program**

wcl.american.edu/externship

**Lawyering Peace Program**

wcl.american.edu/piipp

**Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project**

wcl.american.edu/marshallbrennan

**Stephen S. Weinstein Trial Advocacy Program**

wcl.american.edu/trial

**War Crimes Research Office**

wcl.american.edu/warcrimes

**Kovler Project Against Torture**

wcl.american.edu/kovlerproject

**Human Rights Impact Litigation Project**

wcl.american.edu/impactlitigation

**Employment Sectors Class of 2022**

- Law Firm 47%
- Business & Industry 11%
- Public Interest 17%
- Federal 15%
- Education 4%

- Clerks 17%
- Government 10%

- *data reflects percent reported

For further details about employment statistics, please view the law school’s American Bar Association (ABA) employment summary on our consumer information web page: wcl.american.edu/consumer.
2023 ADMISSIONS PROFILE

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| Diversity Representation                                      40% Overall
| Asian/Pacific Islander: 67 students  & Black/African American: 38 students  & Hispanic/Latino: 54 students  & Native American: 6 students |
| Gender Distribution                                           61.8% Women  & 36.5% Men  & .5% Another Gender Identity  & 1.2% Not Reported |
| Colleges & Universities Represented                        198 undergraduate institutions overall |
| Geographical Areas Represented                              37 states; District of Columbia; Puerto Rico; Virgin Islands; plus Canada, China, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine, and Vietnam |

*This data is valid as of August 30, 2023.

THEY CONTRIBUTE A VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES INCLUDING:

- 176 graduates with honors (including 14 Phi Beta Kappa)
- 48 graduate degrees
- 47 Capitol Hill interns/staff
- 38 legal assistants/paralegals
- 16 military service members (Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy)
- 13 college athletes
- 7 AmeriCorps members
- 5 Patent Agents/Examiners
- 2 Peace Corps Volunteers

THEIR GLOBAL EXPERIENCES INCLUDE:

- 33% speak a foreign language
- 19% studied abroad in 32 countries
- 13% were born abroad in 26 countries
- 5% worked abroad in 17 countries

THEY WERE BORN IN 26 FOREIGN COUNTRIES INCLUDING:

- Australia
- Belize
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- Cyprus
- Dominican Republic
- Egypt
- Germany
- India
- Japan
- Kuwait
- Mongolia
- Nigeria
- Peru
- Philippines
- Romania
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Ukraine
- Venezuela
- Vietnam

AUWCL graduates join the ranks of the world’s top law firms, with many landing positions in the renowned AmLaw100. Many also choose to start in boutique or smaller firms. A high proportion AUWCL graduates serve in the government—in Congress, agencies such as the DOJ and Commerce, military JAG, and offices of Attorneys General. Many more AUWCL graduates go on to public interest careers, meeting unmet legal needs worldwide.

Nearly 20% of AUWCL graduates launch their careers in judicial clerkships in Federal Courts of Appeal, Federal District Courts, and state courts, including state supreme courts, courts of appeal, and trial courts across the United States.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Binding Early Decision Option (EDO) application deadlines are December 12 or February 9. For detail view wcl.american.edu/admiss/edo.cfm
- Public Interest/Public Service (PIPS) Scholarship application deadline is January 31. For more information view wcl.american.edu/finaid/pipsscholarship.cfm
- Priority application deadline is March 1.