Twelve years ago, I visited Vanderbilt for the first time as a faculty candidate—and discovered an environment unique among American law schools. Collegial and supportive, challenging and academically rigorous, Vanderbilt offers a community where all of the elements required to create a great law school come together in ways that surpass expectations. I joined this community in 2002 because, here, great scholars and teachers thrive. As Vanderbilt’s Dean, one of my top priorities is maintaining the strong sense of community that sets Vanderbilt apart from other law schools.

Experience it, and you will find compelling reasons to make Vanderbilt your law school. You’ll find talented students from across the nation and a welcoming network of alumni who live and work around the globe. You’ll find a distinguished faculty of experts who are leaders in their fields, a rigorous curriculum and a wide array of academic, joint degree and interdisciplinary programs in a modern building on a beautiful campus in a vibrant city. Most importantly, you’ll find a student-friendly atmosphere, a Vanderbilt tradition our students have treasured for decades.

You’ll discover that Vanderbilt stands apart not only for the quality of the legal training delivered by our faculty of renowned legal scholars and teachers, but also for the support you’ll receive from one of the nation’s best Career Services departments. Our academic programs go beyond providing outstanding training and connect legal theory to real-world strategies, knowledge and experiences. That approach provides immediate advantages when you interview for legal positions and begin practicing law.

Finally, you’ll find yourself at home in one of America’s most livable cities. Like few other places, Vanderbilt’s Nashville setting lets you balance the rigors of study with abundant opportunities to enjoy a city with a remarkable blend of cosmopolitan sophistication and the feel of a friendly small town.

I invite you to visit Vanderbilt and discover these things for yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Chris Guthrie
Dean & John Wade-Kent Syverud Professor of Law
Shape your future

Vanderbilt offers the resources you need to shape your future by gaining experience, skills and analytic tools to tackle difficult problems. Engaging courses that challenge you to work harder and accomplish more than you thought possible. Clinics, externships and other experiential learning opportunities that allow you to connect classroom training to real-world practice settings. Mentors who are among the nation’s leading legal scholars. Innovative, interdisciplinary academic programs. Accomplished colleagues from across the nation and around the world. A state-of-the-art building located on a world-class university campus. All of which combine to create an exceptional environment in which to prepare for careers in legal practice, public service, business, government or other areas where the application of law and legal reasoning shape positive outcomes for individuals and society.

“I chose Vanderbilt because the academic prestige, rigorous curriculum and outstanding faculty guarantee a first-rate legal education, and because the collegial, congenial environment here fosters community and collaboration. My experience has been amazing—both academically stimulating and challenging.”

TaCara Harris class of 2013
Associate, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, Nashville
TaCara won the Vanderbilt Scholastic Excellence Award and the Fulbright & Jaworski Book Award for Legal Writing I and then was a teaching assistant for Legal Research and Writing.
Collegial culture, global outlook

Vanderbilt offers a unique environment in which to pursue your legal education. Here, you’ll benefit from a rigorous law school experience that connects outstanding theoretical training to professional practice settings across the nation and around the world.

Law graduates must be team players, and our well-established culture promotes collaboration in a challenging learning environment. Students choose Vanderbilt for its longstanding reputation for collegiality, professionalism and relationship-building. They recognize that mutual support, teamwork and respect for others’ views are essential to professional success. In fact, our students and alumni consistently say that the strong sense of community among their colleagues here is one of the most valuable and enduring aspects of a Vanderbilt legal education.

Law practice is increasingly global, and Vanderbilt graduates must be prepared for a world in which fewer and fewer lawyers will work only with the laws of a single state or nation. Even as our students benefit from Vanderbilt’s small-school culture, they also engage in professional practice far beyond our campus through externships for academic credit and stipend-supported experiences throughout the world. Our foreign study summer program in Venice and the International Law Practice Lab clinical course further extend students’ global outlook, as does the inclusion of approximately 50 foreign-trained lawyers and judges in our LL.M. program, who learn about American law alongside J.D. students in an enriched learning environment.

For insights into the qualities we seek in Vanderbilt Law students, visit our website at www.law.vanderbilt.edu, and sample the profiles of our students and graduates.
“Vanderbilt teaches its students to be team players, in and out of the classroom. That was the case when I was there 25 years ago, and it still is. Even more than when I was in law school, I’ve come to value how unique and special Vanderbilt is, and how well it prepares its students to succeed.”

Richard R. Hays Class of 1986 Managing Partner, Alston & Bird

“When I came to the Admitted Students Program, I knew this was where I wanted to be. The other incoming students were extremely intelligent and driven, but also social and easygoing.”

Will Marks Class of 2014

Stephanie Parker, Class of 1985, Partner, Jones Day, is president of the law school’s Board of Advisors, a group of approximately 50 alumni who meet twice a year to offer advice and counsel. Parker endowed the Ethel and Cecil Roberts Scholarship because “I wanted to give back to the law school, which had given so much to me. I received a wonderful education at Vanderbilt and was very well prepared for my career. I hope the scholarship will enable other students to have the same experience I did.”

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Influential scholars, outstanding teachers

Learning to think like a lawyer remains the bedrock of a sound legal education, and Vanderbilt’s faculty is known for teaching students the rigorous analytic and problem-solving skills used by legal professionals. Consistently ranked among the most productive in the nation, Vanderbilt law professors are known nationally and internationally for their work in such areas as corporate and business law, law and economics, international law, environmental and property law, energy law, intellectual property law, criminal law, complex litigation, constitutional law, law and neuroscience, social justice, health law and policy, and bioethics.

As a result, Vanderbilt students learn about the law from some of the nation’s leading legal scholars. Faculty expertise translates into engaging coursework that takes students to the cutting edge of current legal scholarship. More than that, faculty members are committed teachers and mentors, and Vanderbilt’s small size allows students to enjoy substantial access to faculty throughout law school. The availability of faculty to meet with and come to know students as individuals both in and out of class adds greatly to the value of a Vanderbilt legal education.

“I joined Vanderbilt because the law school offers a superior intellectual and educational community. Its size, faculty, resources and physical facilities are all conducive to the best sort of legal education and scholarship.”

Christopher Slobogin Milton R. Underwood Chair in Law

A renowned scholar of criminal law who has authored more than 100 articles, books and chapters, Professor Slobogin is one of the 10 most cited criminal law and procedure professors in the country. He joined Vanderbilt’s law faculty in 2008 and heads the Criminal Justice Program. Juveniles at Risk: A Plea for Preventive Justice, co-authored by Professor Slobogin and published by Oxford University Press in 2011, offers proposals intended to encourage policy makers, judges and lawyers to re-examine and improve juvenile court practice.

Terry Maroney, who co-directs Vanderbilt’s Social Justice Program, was invited to discuss her scholarship on how judges deal with emotion as part of an orientation program for newly appointed judges in 2012. She has since participated in several training sessions offered by the Federal Judicial Center, the research and education agency of the federal judicial system.
Vanderbilt’s faculty ranked eighth among U.S. law schools in a study, “Scholarship Impact of Law Faculties in 2012: Applying Leiter Scores to Rank the Top Third,” conducted by a team led by University of Indiana professor Gregory Sisk.

Vanderbilt ranked tenth among American Bar Association (ABA) law schools in Brian Leiter’s 2010 ranking of scholarship influence of faculty.


“The thing I’ve been most impressed by at Vanderbilt is the quality of the professors.”

**Adele El-Khouri Class of 2013**  
Prelk, Judge Stephen A. Higgenson  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit  
Adele was editor-in-chief of the Vanderbilt Law Review and winner, with Scott Farmer, of the 2012 Bass Berry and Sims Moot Court competition.
A leading law school at a leading university

Founded in 1874 in conjunction with Vanderbilt University, Vanderbilt Law School has trained distinguished and influential lawyers, policymakers and public servants for 140 years. Today, the law school remains situated on a campus that also houses top graduate schools of medicine, education, business, engineering, divinity, nursing and music, among others. As an integral part of top-ranked Vanderbilt University, the law school offers the cultural diversity and advantages of life at a leading educational institution. It also affords students access to highly regarded interdisciplinary programs, including the Ph.D. Program in Law and Economics and a J.D./Ph.D. program in law and neuroscience.

Consistently ranked among the nation’s top law schools, Vanderbilt attracts students from throughout the nation and abroad who seek an intellectually rigorous legal education that instills the values of community, collegiality, leadership, personal integrity, teamwork and service for which Vanderbilt is known.

“Vanderbilt’s faculty is one of its defining strengths. Professors here are high-performing and very capable on a professional, intellectual level, but they are also very approachable and friendly.”

Rick Apple J.D./M.B.A. 2012

The four-year J.D./M.B.A. track was a natural choice for Rick Apple, Class of 2012, who now directs a private equity fund, the Council & Enhanced Tennessee Fund. After earning his undergraduate degree in applied mathematics and financial engineering at Princeton, Rick spent three years in Manhattan as an analyst for a major investment bank before earning his J.D./M.B.A.

CLASS OF 2015 PROFILE

Applicants

3,757

First-year J.D. Students

173

Representing 36 states, D.C., China, Jamaica, Korea, Nigeria and Venezuela

76

(44%) Female 1Ls

43

(15%) Minority 1Ls

109

Undergraduate Colleges Represented

12

(7%) hold advanced degrees including MA, MEd, MAcc, MPIA

GPA

3.43 3.71 3.85

(25%) Median (75%)

LSAT

163 169 170

(25%) Median (75%)

For detailed profiles of this and other recent entering classes, please visit www.law.vanderbilt.edu
“Achieving social goals with legal tools requires a sound understanding of human behavior. In today’s world, that requires integrating cutting-edge insights from both the life sciences and the social sciences. No other law school matches Vanderbilt’s commitment to such integrative, innovative and cross-disciplinary thinking.”

Owen Jones New York Alumni Chancellor’s Chair in Law and Professor of Biological Sciences

Professor Jones directs the Law and Neuroscience Project, a national interdisciplinary research project headquartered at Vanderbilt University. The project, which is examining the impact of modern neuroscience on criminal law, is funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. “A primary goal is to help the legal system assess and evaluate the new brain science in ways that contribute to the fair and effective administration of criminal justice,” Professor Jones said.

Nicky Moody ’13 was one of 15 national winners of a 2013 Burton Award for Distinguished Legal Writing for her 2012 Vanderbilt Law Review note, “WARNING: MAY CAUSE WARMING—Potential Trade Challenges to Private Environmental Labels.” She is an associate with Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison in New York.

Members of Vanderbilt’s law faculty also hold primary or secondary appointments in Vanderbilt’s Owen Graduate School of Management and its School of Medicine, and in its biology, chemistry, economics, history, mathematics, philosophy and political science departments.

“Vanderbilt is a major research university, and the law school’s faculty and students really benefit from the opportunities for cross-fertilization with other schools.”

Terry Maroney Professor of Law

Professor Maroney teaches Criminal Law, Juvenile Justice, and Law and the Emotions.
Vanderbilt Law School attracts highly qualified students and faculty from throughout the U.S. and abroad because it allows them to have a national impact. Vanderbilt law graduates are represented in almost every branch of the federal government, including the judiciary, as U.S. Attorneys and federal defenders, in Congress and state legislatures and government agencies, as managing partners of major international law firms, as corporate officers and counsel, on law faculties, in the Judge Advocate General Corps, heading influential advocacy groups, and in law firms in 49 states and Washington, D.C. Vanderbilt J.D. alumni also live and work in 30 foreign nations, an international reach complemented by our L.L.M. graduates.

Vanderbilt owes its national stature to the outstanding career accomplishments of both its alumni and its faculty. Its reputation for producing skilled attorneys who are team players, gained over decades of graduating classes taking broadly dispersed employment nationwide, along with its extensive alumni network and the professional networks of its faculty combine to help Vanderbilt students secure coveted summer placements, fellowships and employment across the nation and around the world.

“I wanted to make sure I would have the opportunity to go back to the Northeast, and I’ve found plenty of opportunities in Boston. I would encourage anyone not to worry about going back home to work with a Vanderbilt Law degree.”

Amit Tantri Class of 2013 Associate, WilmerHale, Boston

Amit landed a coveted internship at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he worked in the Antitrust Division in summer 2011. “I now have a 360-degree view of the antitrust process, and that will be valuable even if I don’t end up practicing antitrust law,” he says. He spent summer 2012 at WilmerHale before joining the firm permanently after graduation.

Eric Szweda, Class of 1990, is managing partner of Troutman Sanders’ Hong Kong office, where he now leads the firm’s international arbitration and dispute resolution team. He credits serving as editor-in-chief of the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law and international law classes with “greatly facilitating” his move from the firm’s Atlanta office to Asia.
Vanderbilt alumni are managing partners at a number of leading national firms

Ben C. Adams, Class of 1981
Chairman & CEO
Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz

Beau Grenier, Class of 1982
Chairman, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings

Edward L. Hardin, Class of 1968
Founding Partner, Rogers & Hardin

Richard Hays, Class of 1986
Managing Partner, Alston & Bird

Robert Hays, Class of 1983
Chairman, King & Spalding

Steven Mahon, Class of 1989
Global Managing Partner, Squire Sanders

Dana Perry, Class of 1988
Managing Partner, Chambliss Boehner & Stophel

Darren Robbins, Class of 1993
Founding Partner, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd

Kenneth L. Stewart, Class of 1979
Chairman, Fulbright & Jaworski

VLS ranked 7th nationally among the law schools that saw the most alumni promoted to partner in the 250 largest law firms during 2011.

“Vanderbilt’s national reputation provides plenty of opportunities around the country.”

John Williams class of 2012
2012–2013 Clerk, Judge Gilbert S. Merritt Jr. ’60
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
After his 1L year, John worked at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Mexico, where he found a mentor in Steve Kotz, Class of 1984.
Connect theory to practice

Vanderbilt has established itself as a leader in designing innovative academic, clinic and externship opportunities that connect outstanding theoretical training to the real world of 21st century law practice. During orientation, first-year students begin their studies with The Life of the Law, an intensive, one-week course developed by Vanderbilt law faculty in which students learn core concepts relevant to legal education, including the structure of the American government and legal system, cross-cutting legal doctrines, and interdisciplinary approaches to legal analysis. They also acquire essential skills for learning the law, including analytical reasoning and proven techniques for “reading like an expert” and briefing cases. The class also introduces the Socratic method of teaching.

The Life of the Law prepares you to begin the rigorous theoretical training you will receive during the first year of law school, which provides the intellectual foundation upon which you will build a well-rounded legal education specifically tailored to your intellectual interests and professional goals. Each entering J.D. class is divided into sections of fewer than 60 students for core courses, including Torts, Contracts, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, Property, The Regulatory State and Legal Writing.

In the second and third years, you may choose from a rich array of elective courses, seminars, clinics and externships. Upper-level study is enhanced by opportunities to serve as a research assistant, join one of four scholarly journals, work with clients through clinics, externships and pro bono projects, and engage in the intellectual life of one of the world’s great universities.

The course materials Professors Tracey George (right) and Suzanna Sherry developed for The Life of the Law, a one-week course all entering students take, became the basis for their book, What Every Law Student Really Needs to Know.
“In law school, you can’t just read something once and think you grasp the full meaning. It’s like an onion—you have to keep peeling away the layers and looking a little deeper. Law school makes you a better thinker—you take analysis to a different level.”

Junior Ambeau Class of 2014

Junior, a native of Mare-Rouge, Haiti, and Fort Myers, Florida, spent summer 2013 as an associate with Stites & Harbison and working with the Tennessee Attorney General’s office in Nashville.

“The first year of law school introduces students to the current landscape of American law. Regulation is such an important feature of that landscape that students should be exposed to regulation, and how it is created, early in their legal education.”

Kevin Stack
Associate Dean for Research

Dean Stack, together with noted legal scholars Lisa Bressman and Edward Rubin, collaborated on a casebook specifically designed for The Regulatory State, a first-year course they worked together to develop.
Vanderbilt’s comprehensive academic approach treats scholarship, professional development and service as integral components of legal education, while affording you the flexibility to seek broad-based exposure to many areas of law or focus on one or two chosen areas in which you wish to practice. With our faculty of experts in every area of law, you’ll find ample opportunities to explore the breadth of the profession and determine which areas you find compelling.

Your exposure to the myriad ways in which law influences professional, political, social and cultural life is enhanced by academic programs that integrate courses, clinics, externships and fellowships, and extracurricular activities. In each program, you’ll find courses that give you a thorough grounding in current theory alongside courses and clinics that address policy issues as well as practical lawyering skills. You’ll also discover that many first-year and upper-level courses are taught by professors whose recent scholarship not only addresses topics at the frontiers of their fields of law, but also influences policy at a national level.

Law practice is increasingly specialized, and Vanderbilt is on target in offering upper-level tracks that allow students to combine “bar classes” with courses of study that provide in-depth exposure to fast-evolving technical and complex areas of law. “Law and business are inextricably linked; lawyers work in teams with executive managers, board members and investment bankers. I came to Vanderbilt to direct the Law and Business Program because, in addition to offering a great legal education, I felt we needed to train our lawyers in business school basics, such as accounting and finance.”

Randall Thomas
John S. Beasley II Professor of Law and Business Director, Law and Business Program

Articles authored or co-authored by Professor Thomas have frequently been selected as among the “Top 10 Corporate and Securities Articles” by the Corporate Practice Commentator.
“I studied engineering in undergrad thinking I would be interested in patent prosecution. However, I learned over the course of 1L year and at student organization lunch events that patent law was much more than patent prosecution. Through Vanderbilt connections, I was fortunate enough to secure a summer job doing patent litigation and loved it.”

Michael Joshi Class of 2014

After earning his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering and computer science at Harvard, Michael ran his own business with a partner before starting law school. He now plans a career in patent litigation and spent summer 2013 in the Bay Area with two firms, Simpson Thatcher and Alston & Bird.

### Academic Programs

**Law and Business** An intensive upper-level curriculum and transactional seminars that allow students interested in a career in business law to build expertise in business law, corporate management, finance and accounting. The faculty includes experts in corporate, commercial, bankruptcy, antitrust, tax, arbitration and economics. A certificate in Law and Business is available.

**Litigation & Dispute Resolution** An advanced legal curriculum that prepares graduates to step immediately into sophisticated litigation practice with both a practical and conceptual understanding of the different methods that our justice system employs to resolve disputes. Faculty includes leading practitioners and judges.

**Energy, Environment and Land Use** A broad array of courses, research opportunities and extracurricular activities taught by a team of leading scholars. The program sponsors externships and fosters research opportunities through the Vanderbilt Institute for Energy and Environment and the Climate Change Research Network, an interdisciplinary team of faculty, graduate and professional students representing several Vanderbilt schools and academic departments.

**Intellectual Property** Prepares students to enter practice focusing on copyright and patent law, both domestic and international, through an Intellectual Property clinic and courses taught by international intellectual property expert Daniel Gervais, patent law expert Sean Seymour and other noted practitioners.

**International Legal Studies** Prepares students for careers in a global environment by combining substantive classroom exposure to cutting-edge topics in international law with practical experience in their application through the International Practice Lab and externships. Core faculty have expertise in international corporate, intellectual property, human rights and criminal law.

**Social Justice** A variety of educational and scholarly activities aimed at exploring the role of law in creating, perpetuating and eradicating hierarchies of power and privilege in our society through a curriculum that includes clinics, seminars, externships and directed research projects.

**Criminal Justice** More than 20 upper-level courses and clinics that focus on criminal theory and practice, criminal procedure, juvenile justice, international criminal law, mental health law and other areas. Faculty include experts in cutting-edge fields such as law and neuroscience, human rights and juvenile justice.

**Law and Government** The law school’s largest and most intellectually diverse program, with 18 affiliated faculty who have nationally recognized expertise in constitutional and public law and a comprehensive curriculum aimed at students interested in public law and policy.
Experience guided by experts

Vanderbilt offers ample opportunities for students to gain practical experience through clinics, supervised summer and semester externships for course credit, an international practice lab in which students work on such high-level projects as treaties and statutes, and corporate practice courses taught by experienced practitioners focusing on business documents, transactions and bankruptcy.

Our clinics introduce students to a variety of real-world practice settings from municipal courts to federal appellate court to international tribunals, allowing them to do substantive legal work under the close supervision of a law professor. You may also gain practical experience through supervised semester and summer externships for course credit. In clinics, skills courses and externships, you’ll learn how the legal system works and how its participants interact, and also gain an understanding of issues of ethics and professional responsibility by working closely with experienced practitioners.

The Law School offers a number of opportunities to fund summer volunteer work experience with public service organizations, non-profits or NGOs anywhere in the world.

Eighty-nine Vanderbilt Law students pursued summer externships for course credit during 2013 in 24 states, Washington, D.C., and Chile and China. Students served at 8 federal and 6 state agencies, with 24 federal and 8 state judges, and with 6 advocacy organizations, and in 9 U.S. Attorneys’ offices, 6 public defenders’ offices, and 7 corporate legal departments.

Clinic students such as Neal Curtis and Rogan McCally, both Class of 2013, work for indigent clients with guidance from Family Law Clinic Professor Yoli Redero. They conduct interviews and discovery proceedings and develop case materials.

International Law Practice Lab

Students in Professor Michael Newton’s International Law Practice Lab have completed legal work supporting the U.S. Departments of State, Justice and Defense, the International Bar Association, the Iraqi High Tribunal, the Sierra Leone Special Court, and a number of United Nations and global human rights organizations. “The work my students have done is reflected in treaties, statutes, decisions and negotiating histories across the globe,” Professor Newton said.
“Theoretical classes teach students to think like lawyers, but law exists out in the real world. Our clinics allow students to learn in this context—to apply their new skills to a real problem and learn substance and procedure in context.”

Susan Kay Class of 1979 Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs

Dean Kay also administers the law school’s summer stipend and externship programs. During summer 2013, 76 Vanderbilt students received stipends to support their work with courts, attorneys general and district attorneys, public defenders, federal and state agencies, and non-governmental public interest and advocacy organizations, and 89 students served externships for credit.

Sharpen your skills in real-world situations

**Appellate Litigation Clinic** Students benefit from an intensive supervised litigation experience in the federal courts of appeals, dealing with cases ranging from immigration to habeas corpus to civil rights claims.

**Civil Practice Clinic** Students deal with all stages of client representation while representing individuals with Social Security disability appeals, or children and parents who need special education services in public schools.

**Criminal Practice Clinic** Students gain experience in pre-trial, trial and post-conviction legal work by representing adults charged with criminal offenses and children charged with criminal offenses and delinquency.

**Domestic Violence Clinic** Students represent indigent victims of domestic violence, dealing with issues ranging from orders of protection to child custody.

**Intellectual Property and the Arts Clinic** Students represent individuals, businesses, organizations, groups and associations in intellectual property matters, Internet issues, business and contractual matters, and litigation.

**International Law Practice Lab** Past clients have included international criminal tribunals, the U.S. Departments of Justice, State and Defense, and numerous human rights organizations. Students have worked on treaties, researched comparative criminal statutes, and written amicus briefs for advocacy organizations.

The Vanderbilt Appellate Litigation Clinic, taught by Alistair Newbern, established an important precedent in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit through its representation of a Michigan prisoner in *LaFountain v. Harry:* That people too poor to pay the $400 filing fee in federal court have the same procedural rights as those who can pay. Three members of the Class of 2013—(left to right) James Danly, Hunter Branstetter and Seamus Kelly (shown here with Professor Newbern, far left)—participated in the Appellate Clinic’s representation of Wayne Earl LaFountain. “The amount of work that went in to making Mr. LaFountain’s appeal, from briefing to preparing the argument, was an amazingly educational and humbling experience that has given me a tremendous amount of respect for litigators,” Kelly said.
A commitment to public service

“Cases that gain notoriety are not the bread and butter of what I do every day as a federal trial judge. But there are no unimportant cases, and I devote my energies and focus to each case that comes before me.”

Judge Aleta Trauger, Class of 1976
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee

In 2011, Judge Jane Stranch ’78 was confirmed to a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and Judge Kevin Sharp ’93 to a seat on the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Opportunities for public service begin during orientation, when you may choose to take the Pro Bono Pledge, a commitment to perform at least 25 hours of pro bono and community service during each year of law school. Students are also encouraged to pursue summer work in public service with the support of stipends funded by the law school, the student Legal Aid Society, and academic programs. Each year, students receive funding to support pro bono work in judicial chambers, in the offices of federal and district attorneys and public defenders, and with government agencies and nonprofit advocacy organizations across the nation and around the world. In recent years, Vanderbilt students have worked in the U.S. departments of Energy, Justice, State, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, and Veterans Affairs and for the Internal Revenue Service, Securities and Exchange Commission and other agencies. They have also worked with the international criminal tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, the United Nations, the World Intellectual Property Organization, and dozens of other international government and advocacy organizations.

Vanderbilt alumni who serve as federal judges, on the staffs of the U.S. and district attorneys’ and federal and public defenders offices, and with the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and other advocacy organizations teach at Vanderbilt and involve students in pro bono and public interest work. Vanderbilt’s active student organizations, including a student Legal Aid Society, also organize service projects throughout the year.

Assistant Dean Julie Sandine (left) and Zac Loney, Class of 2014, president of the Intellectual Property Association, with Julie Samuels, Class of 2005. Samuels, who holds the Mark Cuban Chair to Eliminate Stupid Patents at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, an organization with the stated mission of advocating for “digital civil rights,” participated in a panel discussion the IPA sponsored at the law school in spring 2013.
Nashville Mayor Karl Dean ’81 served as the city’s attorney for eight years before being elected mayor in 2007. He succeeded Mayor Bill Purcell ’79.

“Law school offered a practical path to my goal of working in the public interest. If you are interested in public interest and social justice as a potential career path, Vanderbilt is very supportive.”

*Kent McKeever* CLASS OF 2012

Kent earned a master’s in divinity at Princeton and worked as a pastor before earning his law degree at Vanderbilt. He started a legal services program in Waco, Texas, that focuses on family law and other services for the indigent.

VLS student volunteers like *JaVon Payton ’15* support Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors, part of a national network of immigration legal clinics, by working at its monthly client intake clinics. TN JFON is directed by *Adrienne Kittos ’09*.

“My fellowship will allow me to focus on work I’m passionate about—ensuring that low-wage women are treated fairly on the job.”

*Elizabeth Johnston* CLASS OF 2011

Skadden Fellow, 2013-15

Elizabeth received a Skadden Fellowship to serve at the National Women’s Law Center in Washington, D.C., where she plans to explore ways to combat abuses of pregnant workers and new mothers in industries that employ large number of women workers. She clerked for Judge Anthony Trenga of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in 2012-13 and for Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in 2011-12.
Innovative and Interdisciplinary

Vanderbilt’s commitment to programs that integrate rigorous training in legal theory with contemporary law practice extends to our extensive array of interdisciplinary and joint-degree programs. These programs also reflect Vanderbilt University’s strong commitment to initiatives that encourage faculty and students from Vanderbilt’s 10 schools to work together on issues that demand an interdisciplinary approach. Vanderbilt’s location on the university’s campus, near top-ranked schools of medicine, business, engineering and education, make the law school an especially attractive choice for students who want to pursue a joint degree.

"Inventions have become increasingly complex, and patent law has to respond to advances in science and technology. I was eager to join the faculty at a research university that offered a depth of expertise in both science and law. In addition to having a top-notch law school, Vanderbilt’s science and engineering programs and medical school are all superb.”

Sean Seymore Professor of Law

Professor Seymore holds both a Ph.D. in chemistry and a J.D. from the University of Notre Dame. His research focuses on how patent law should evolve in response to scientific advances and the ways in which technological change influences public policy. Professor Seymore was the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Visiting Associate Professor at MIT in spring 2012.

Matthew Ginther is pursuing a Ph.D. in neuroscience and a J.D. concurrently. “I chose the dual-degree program because I enjoy the scientific process, but I want to look at things at the macro level instead of on a one-to-one basis,” he said, “Scientific evidence is becoming an increasing factor in litigation, and I want to address the ways in which science is used in the courtroom.”

JOINT-DEGREE PROGRAMS

- The Ph.D. in Law & Economics allows students to enter with a J.D. from any ABA-approved law school or to earn both a J.D. and a Ph.D. at Vanderbilt.
- Vanderbilt offers its well-established J.D./M.B.A. program in conjunction with the Owen Graduate School of Management, which adjoins the law school.
- Medical students can expand their professional horizons through Vanderbilt’s J.D./M.D. degree. Two faculty members—bioethics expert Ellen Wright Clayton and health policy expert James Blumstein—have joint appointments at Vanderbilt’s law and medical schools.
- Earn a J.D./M.Div. or J.D./M.T.S. degree in conjunction with the Vanderbilt Divinity School.
- Earn a J.D./M.P.P. in conjunction with Vanderbilt’s Peabody College.
- Tailor your own program to earn a J.D./M.A. or J.D./Ph.D. in conjunction with the Vanderbilt Graduate School.
- The J.D./Ph.D. joint degree in law and neuroscience allows students to earn both degrees concurrently. Students typically begin by taking first-year law courses.
The Ph.D. Program in Law and Economics allows students to pursue a Ph.D. in law and economics and a J.D. concurrently in a fully integrated curriculum. The program is based at the law school.

The MacArthur Research Network for Neuroscience and Law, a grant-funded program support by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, is headquar- tered at Vanderbilt University and directed by Owen Jones, New York Alumni Chancellor’s Chair in Law.

The Climate Change Research Network, directed by law professor Michael Vanden- bergh, integrates faculty and students from six Vanderbilt schools.

“Vanderbilt was a natural intellectual fit for me because it has a really amazing concentration of scholars who do interdisciplinary research.”

**Edward K. Cheng** Professor of Law

Professor Cheng recently earned a Ph.D. in statistics at Columbia University to support his study of evidence. “I’m using empirical methods to address social scientific questions, such as how we make decisions, and I wanted to learn how to do the statistical analyses myself,” he said.

“My law professors were great at teaching the fundamentals of contracts, civil procedure and property, but I found myself more curious about the topics their research addressed.”

**Jennifer Bennett Shinall** J.D./Ph.D. IN LAW AND ECONOMICS 2012

Jennifer clerked for Judge John Tinder on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in 2012-13 and is now the Postdoctoral Scholar in Law and Economics at Vanderbilt.
Beyond our challenging curriculum, every Vanderbilt student has ample opportunities to pursue intellectual and professional development outside of the classroom. You may choose to join student organizations that focus on specific areas of law, do substantive legal work in a variety of settings for course credit or with stipend support, compete for positions on four scholarly journals, and participate in Vanderbilt’s well-organized Moot Court and Mock Trial programs and our accomplished Jessup International Moot Court team.

Academic programs organize short courses taught by judges, public officials and renowned practitioners and sponsor reading groups, discussion groups, lectures and symposia addressing current issues and cutting-edge legal scholarship. The Career Services Office sponsors frequent talks delivered by prominent attorneys, many of whom are Vanderbilt Law graduates who frankly discuss the range of professional skills required to meet the challenges of their areas of legal practice.

Student organizations bring outside speakers to campus with grants from the Hyatt Student Activities Fund. Created by Wayne Hyatt, Class of 1967, a founding partner of Hyatt & Stubblefield, the fund underwrites lectures and other academic programs organized by students. “At Vanderbilt, alumni are truly part of the ongoing process of developing the physical and programmatic vision for the law school.”

Sarah Doran Murray and Erica Smith won Vanderbilt’s 2013 Bass Berry & Sims Moot Court competition. Each year’s competition features a First Amendment problem written by students.
“I highly recommend the journal experience. U.S. law school requires so much reading and independent analysis of cases, and working on the editorial staff of a journal really promotes those skills.”

Shen Zhang Class of 2013
Associate, Squire Sanders, San Francisco
Shen, a Chinese national, became interested in studying law in the U.S. while working as an associate at Hogan Lovells in Beijing. His supervisor, Sarah Zhang, LL.M. 2010, encouraged him to apply to Vanderbilt. Shen, who holds law degrees from Peking University and Kyushu University in Japan, was executive articles editor for the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law during 2012-13.

Wyatt Sassman, Class of 2013, won the Tennessee Bar Association Environmental Law Section’s 2013 Jon E. Hastings Memorial Award Writing Competition for his article “Administrative Compliance Orders and Due Process After Sackett.” Wyatt’s paper is based on an analysis of the Supreme Court’s 2012 decision in Sackett v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He argued that by reversing decades of court rulings, the Supreme Court “stuck a wrench in a much larger enforcement scheme” as administrative compliance orders “are one of EPA’s most utilized enforcement tools” not only in wetlands cases but in a wide range of environmental laws.

“Vanderbilt does a wonderful job of training you in the various areas of substantive law while also training you how to think like a lawyer. But you also need to take advantage of each and every opportunity to develop practical skills and learn about the business of law.”

Perry Brandt Class of 1977
Partner, Bryan Cave, Kansas City, Missouri
Perry Brandt was one of 14 Vanderbilt Law alumni who visited campus in spring 2013 to deliver talks on succeeding in job interviews and as a summer associate.

Vanderbilt students publish four scholarly journals:

- Vanderbilt Law Review—established in 1947
- Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law—established in 1967
- Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment & Technology Law—established in 1998
- Environmental Law & Policy Annual Review—established in 2007 and produced in conjunction with the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, D.C.

Students enter a competition for journal staff positions at the end of their 1L year. Winners of writing awards are honored each September at a reception sponsored by Lightfoot Franklin & White.
“At Vanderbilt, I learned how to research effectively, dissect legal problems in an analytically concise way, communicate with legal professionals, and work collaboratively with others. I also learned how to work hard at Vanderbilt—really hard!”

Jenna Farleigh CLASS OF 2012

Jenna was editor-in-chief of the Vanderbilt Law Review in 2011–12. “While serving as the Law Review’s Editor-in-Chief, I honed my editing skills while simultaneously learning what good legal scholarship looks like,” Jenna said. “Most importantly, Law Review gave me the opportunity to work collaboratively with students who have become some of my closest friends and will be big assets as I move forward with my legal career.” Jenna clerked for Judge Ronald M. Gould of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 2012–13 and is clerking for Judge Richard C. Tallman, also of the Ninth Circuit, in 2013–14.

A culture of collaboration and competition

Even as they challenge one another in an intensive learning environment, Vanderbilt Law students have gained a reputation for collegiality, professionalism and building relationships. That culture permeates every aspect of the law school.

In the classroom, professors take a strong interest in students and work closely with them to promote their success. Outside class, students develop as leaders and as team players by engaging in one or more of the almost 50 student organizations.

When you enroll in Vanderbilt Law School, you become a member of the Vanderbilt Bar Association, which manages the law school’s student organizations and coordinates social activities. One important service the VBA coordinates is matching incoming 1Ls with mentors who share their interests—as well as study tips, outlines and advice on summer job interviews and student activities.

Vanderbilt’s student organizations serve as a hub for social events, provide co-curricular support for what students are learning in the classroom, and enable students to meet others with similar career interests and cultural backgrounds. Connecting with other students through involvement in professional, social and volunteer organizations also helps students make a healthy adjustment to the rigors of law school.

“One of the things I love about Vanderbilt is the collegiality. There is a real community of support and friendship here.”

Will Marks CLASS OF 2014
“Communities look to lawyers as important community leaders. Student organizations provide that kind of training as students work together to plan events, manage a budget, develop programming and resolve disputes that might arise.”

Julie Sandine Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

“Virtually everyone on the faculty shares the same goal: to make the law school a better place for learning and research. We collaborate on so many levels and in so many ways that everyone benefits, especially our students, who form relationships with one another as colleagues rather than competitors.”

Erin O’Hara O’Connor
Milton R. Underwood Chair in Law and Professor of Economics


Emily Wurtenberger decided to join Vanderbilt’s Class of 2014 after attending the Legal Aid Auction as part of an Admitted Students Program, which confirmed her positive impression of the Vanderbilt Law community. “I really liked that students here are willing to donate their time outside of the law school daily grind,” she said. “I knew coming in that I’d be involved with Legal Aid.” Emily served as the auction’s fundraising chair in 2013.

49 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Related to academic/practice areas
- Focused on advocacy or political issues
- Special interest groups
- Culturally focused organizations
- Administrative/governance groups

GETTING INVOLVED AT VLS
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for an online list of organizations
At Vanderbilt, you will gain the intellectual tools to adapt to a fast-changing legal landscape. As you advance in your studies, you will not only acquire an entirely new way of thinking about issues and problems, but also learn to apply these skills in professional settings.

In each of our academic programs, you’ll find courses that develop your analytical, problem-solving, negotiation and dispute resolution, advocacy, speaking and writing skills. In fact, the skills you gain from a legal education will benefit you in any professional setting and on many career paths.

“Preconceptions and ideology play far too great a role in environmental law and policy-making. I encourage students to question underlying assumptions in ways that will help us draft better laws and make better policies.”

Michael Vandenbergh
Professor of Law
Director, Vanderbilt Climate Change Research Network

Professor Vandenbergh leads Vanderbilt’s Climate Change Research Network, an interdisciplinary team of Vanderbilt scholars who conduct theoretical and applied research aimed at identifying and addressing causes and issues related to climate change.

“I realized that if I really want to be involved in shaping policy, I needed to go to law school. Lawyers are involved in virtually every major decision, be it local or national.”

Junior Ambeau Class of 2014

A graduate of the University of Florida, Junior spent summer 2013 working at Stites & Harbison in Nashville and at the Tennessee Attorney General’s office.
“I’m pleased that Vanderbilt’s curriculum emphasizes regulatory law, because we are living in an administrative state now. Administrative agencies are tremendously powerful, and it’s important for attorneys to understand how the administrative process works.”

Virginia Albrecht, Class of 1983
Partner, Hunton & Williams, Washington, D.C.
Albrecht is known throughout the U.S. as an expert in the federal regulations governing land use.

“When you get out in the real world and practice at a law firm, you work together in groups representing clients. Vanderbilt does a good job of preparing people to work well together. Students are competitive, but it’s not a zero-sum game. They work together in a way that helps everyone win.”

Harrison J. Frahn IV, Class of 1996
Partner, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, Palo Alto, California
As a trial lawyer, Frahn has represented industry giants such as Cisco, Intel, NEC, Xilinx, Accenture and Avistar Communications.

Maria Glover, Class of 2007, joined the faculty of Georgetown University Law Center in 2012 as an associate professor. Maria was a Climenko Fellow at Harvard Law School from 2010-12. She participated in Vanderbilt’s Scholars Program, a selective mentoring program for students who are interested in academic careers directed by Associate Dean Lisa Bressman, a respected administrative law scholar.

In February, Scott Friedman and Alex McVeagh, both members of the Class of 2013, placed fourth among 65 teams in the eighth annual International Commercial Mediation Competition held by the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris, France. They also received the award for “Best Public Speakers.”
A balanced approach

While free time during law school can seem scarce, most students find it important to balance the demands of study by joining one or more organizations for professional advancement, personal development, community service and professional networking.

Our Student Affairs staff provides year-round support to individual students and to student organizations. Students also receive the support of a dedicated information technology staff, a committed legal writing faculty and expert legal librarians. Non-professional student organizations devoted to everything from soccer to religious fellowship to knitting are encouraged and supported. Vanderbilt University also provides a wide array of services to meet your academic and personal needs.

You will spend much of your time in the law school building, and Vanderbilt’s offers a wealth of natural light and comfortable study nooks, along with a wireless network, ample computer lab space, attractive classrooms, a café and student lounges.

Merrick Parrott, Class of 2014, is president of the Vanderbilt Bar Association for 2013–14. In addition to maintaining outline and syllabus banks, the VBA offers a textbook exchange program and sponsors social activities and service projects. It also allocates funds to more than 45 student organizations, which include an active Legal Aid Society, local chapters of the American Constitution Society and the Federalist Society, interest groups focusing on most legal specialties, more than a dozen affinity groups, and even a Futbol Club, which organizes pick-up soccer games and intramural teams.

“Law school at Vanderbilt has been a great experience. Vanderbilt is unique in that it offers a first-rate legal education in a laid-back atmosphere. The professors here take a strong interest in the students, and the final two years provide significant flexibility for students to specialize in specific areas and take courses that interest them.”

Tom Booms, Class of 2012
Associate, McGuireWoods, Charlotte, North Carolina

Tom earned the Law and Business certificate through Vanderbilt’s Law and Business Program, directed by Randall Thomas. To earn the certificate, students must take elective courses in accounting and finance—a requirement satisfied by Tom’s undergraduate degree in accounting and finance—as well as courses in corporate, tax and transactional law. “The courses were outstanding,” he said, “The Law and Business Seminar was especially interesting. Each week a guest speaker presented a paper, and throughout the semester we wrote five scholarly papers analyzing visiting scholars’ work.”

“It’s hard to imagine a law school that strikes a better balance between intellectual inquiry and a sense of community.”

Chris Guthrie
Dean and John Wade–Kent Syverud Professor of Law
“I am very happy with my decision to come to Vanderbilt. My time here has been filled with rewarding challenges, and I have pushed myself through both my courses and extracurricular involvement. I was president of the Black Law Students Association, which does a great job of reaching out to students on both a professional and personal level to make the transition into law school easier, and I enjoyed my time serving on its board.”

David Mitchell Class of 2013 Associate, Hogan Lovells, New York

David earned his undergraduate degree at New York University. A native of Delaware, David had never visited any Southern state before choosing Vanderbilt. “I felt welcomed into the Vanderbilt Law community before I even started here,” he said. He worked as an associate with Hogan Lovells in New York during summer 2012 and joined the firm as an associate in 2013.
As a top professional school, Vanderbilt offers a broad range of programs, externships, fellowships and other opportunities to help students identify areas of career interest and gain practical experience. Even more crucially, students gain networking skills and connections through academic program activities, short courses, pro bono work, and meetings with established professionals who visit the law school to teach or lecture.

Students interested in serving as judicial clerks have access to a comprehensive Clerkship Program directed by a faculty member who works with students throughout their time in law school. Several academic programs offer fellowships that allow students to gain substantive experience and professional connections. Professors hire students as research assistants, allowing them to gain a valuable understanding of the mechanics of legal scholarship. Faculty also direct externships that allow students to do important legal work throughout the U.S. and abroad and receive course credit.

Vanderbilt also supports graduates as they launch their legal careers. The Public Interest Initiative provides recent graduates who work pro bono in the public interest with support stipends. And our Loan Repayment Assistance Program enables graduates who must repay student loans to work in the public interest by assisting them with their loan payments for up to 10 years.

“The public interest job search can be extremely challenging, and it doesn’t operate on the same timeline as on-campus recruiting for law firms. The Social Justice Program sends students to the Rebellious Lawyering Conference and the Equal Justice Works Career Fair, invites speakers to campus, and helps students develop the skills and connections they need to succeed in a very competitive job market.”

Alistair Newbern
Assistant Professor of the Practice of Law

Public Service Stipends
Seventy-six Vanderbilt Law students received stipends to support their volunteer legal work during summer 2013 with government agencies; in the chambers of federal, state and local judges; with federal and state attorneys and public defenders; and with public interest and advocacy organizations in the U.S. and abroad. Students did pro bono legal work for 25 legal offices and organizations in 17 states, D.C., and 5 foreign nations. The stipends, sponsored by the law school and the Vanderbilt Legal Aid Society, help defray the travel and living expenses of students who serve in unpaid legal internships.
The Social Justice Program brings a prominent human rights lawyer to campus each year to meet with students and deliver a talk. Past fellows have included Stephen Bright of the Southern Center for Human Rights (pictured here greeting Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey, Class of 1968, before his lecture) and Cecilia Wang of the ACLU.

Margaret Artz, Class of 2013, was offered an internship with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands, after meeting a judge on the tribunal when he delivered a presentation at the law school. “I was able to take advantage of the mentorship of international lawyers and judges to make the most of my time at the ICTY,” she said.

When Artz applied for a position with the international law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer for summer 2012, her prior exposure to international arbitration issues and international legal experience through Vanderbilt in Venice helped with her phone interview with attorneys in Freshfields’ office in Frankfurt, Germany. She joined Freshfields as a full-time associate based in Frankfurt in 2013.

Each summer, about 40 students study international law topics by attending the law school’s Vanderbilt in Venice program, directed by Professor Michael Newton.
Law practice is now a global endeavor. Approximately 170 Vanderbilt J.D. graduates now live and work in 30 nations outside the U.S., and that number is growing each year. That network is extended by Vanderbilt’s LL.M. graduates, who come here to study the American legal system after earning a law degree in their home country. And in the U.S., almost 9,000 Vanderbilt Law graduates practice in 49 states and Washington, D.C.

Alumni are a vital force in the life of the law school. A decade ago, their contributions allowed Vanderbilt to complete a $24 million expansion and renovation project that almost doubled the size of our building, which remains one of the most technologically current, attractive and comfortable facilities in the nation.

The financial support alumni provided allowed to the law school to improve its facilities dramatically while maintaining a key advantage: the small size of our student body. In recent years, alumni have also funded the law school’s well-regarded Law and Business Program, created new scholarships and endowed faculty positions.

But Vanderbilt alumni provide much more than financial support. They recruit our students, help students network with prospective employers, teach courses as members of our adjunct faculty, and take an active role in decisions about the law school’s academic programs, curriculum and governance. They also interview J.D. applicants during the admission process and mentor and hire our students and graduates.

“My Vanderbilt education was an important foundation for my 35 years of practice in the U.S. and abroad. The challenging academic environment, combined with the special atmosphere of the law school, was excellent preparation for the daily challenges and pleasure of the practice of law.”

Richard S. Aldrich Jr. Class of 1975
Managing Partner, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, São Paulo, Brazil
Aldrich teaches a short course, International Mergers & Acquisitions, as a member of Vanderbilt’s adjunct law faculty.
Samar Ali, Class of 2006 (VU’03), is international director in Tennessee’s Department of Economic & Community Development. Samar had previously practiced law with Hogan Lovells in Dubai and served as a White House Fellow. She was a founding member of the first U.S. delegation to the World Islamic Economic Forum.

“Having a solid grounding in the common law of contracts and the Universal Commercial Code is really important. In disputes, our contracts are arbitrated under UNCITRAL rules, which means they’re based on an internationally understood commercial logic. Fortunately, this logic tends to be very similar to the UCC and the common law of contracts.”

Christopher Ruggerio Class of 2003
Staff Attorney, World Intellectual Property Organization
Geneva, Switzerland

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Law students are understandably concerned about the impact of the economic downturn on the job market. As one of the nation’s top law schools, Vanderbilt entered the downturn in a strong position in the legal marketplace. The school’s longstanding reputation for producing highly talented and well-trained professionals continues to attract employers from across the nation, including a global network of devoted alumni who seek to hire Vanderbilt graduates. Although its position is fortunate, Vanderbilt has taken several steps in response to the uncertain employment climate to further strengthen one of the most successful career services programs among leading law schools. The school has stepped up outreach to legal employers and alumni nationwide and expanded Career Services staff and resources.

In addition, the array of summer and semester opportunities that allow students to gain professional experience through externships and summer stipend opportunities anywhere in the world has been expanded. After graduation, Vanderbilt’s Public Interest Initiative provides stipends for graduates who take positions with public service organizations. Each fall, recruiters from law offices throughout the United States and abroad and from the Armed Services visit campus to interview second- and third-year students, and each spring, the on-campus interview program for first-year students seeking summer positions also attracts employers to campus. Before interviews, most students take advantage of one-on-one sessions with an experienced career counselor and group workshops on building resumés, interviewing skills, career strategies, job-search tactics and other useful topics. In addition to on-campus interviews, career counselors and faculty actively promote student applications to hundreds of employers who solicit letters of interest and resumés from Vanderbilt students each year. Students may also participate in New York and Washington, D.C., job fairs and other job fairs nationwide related to minority hiring and public service employment. More than 700 prospective employers, including alumni, receive the Recruitment Handbook, which provides profiles of second- and third-year students to employers who contact students directly.

“Wherever we travel, employers tell us how highly they regard Vanderbilt graduates. They’re well-trained lawyers who are also good people.”

Elizabeth Workman
Assistant Dean for Career Services
“I love that there are lots of career paths you can take with a law degree, and Vanderbilt’s Career Services department is one of its greatest assets. They were incredibly helpful. Anywhere I wanted to go, they were willing and able to help.”

Steve Berneman  Class of 2010

Steve earned his undergraduate degree at Princeton University and taught history and worked in sports management before law school. He joined Vinson & Elkins in Austin, Texas, as an associate in 2010.

Vanderbilt is recognized by a number of sources that gauge career prospects for graduates of American law schools in different ways:

- 7th, 2013 U.S. News Judicial Clerkship Ranking, percent of J.D. students going to federal clerkships in class of 2011
- 10th (tied), National Law Journal look at where new partners in 2009 went to law school, 2010
- 11th, Top 25 Law Schools, Vault survey of 400 law firm hiring partners across the nation, 2008
- 12th, National Law Journal “Go-to” law schools with the highest percentage of graduates hired by NLJ 250 firms, 2010

Career Services organizes two “OCI” (on-campus interview) sessions each year during which students interview for summer and permanent jobs: a fall session for 2Ls and 3Ls, and a spring session for 1Ls.
Where do you go from here? Vanderbilt Law School J.D. Graduates at a Glance

Vanderbilt is a small law school with an expansive reach and longstanding relationships with legal employers across the nation. New graduates consistently choose employment in a wide variety of locations coast to coast and abroad. Collectively, the last five graduating J.D. classes reported employment at graduation in 41 states; Washington, D.C.; 1 U.S. territory; 6 foreign nations; and the military.

2011 graduate John Foster qualified as a Presidential Management Fellow and joined the U.S. State Department’s International Organizations Bureau in summer 2011. “It was my dream to get a job with the U.S. State Department coming out of law school,” he wrote to Professor Michael Newton. “I want to thank you for your role in making that happen. Without doing the summer internship in the Office of Peacekeeping, Security and Counterterrorism back in 2009, I know this opportunity would have never come about.”

For detailed information about recent graduates’ employment, please visit the Prospective Students section of our website.

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JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS
Serving as a judicial clerk is one of the most valuable, career-advancing experiences available to recent law graduates. Professor Michael Bressman, who heads Vanderbilt’s Clerkship Program, works intensively with students to identify clerkship opportunities and facilitate the competitive clerkship application process. In recent years, Vanderbilt graduates have clerked for the U.S. Supreme Court, each of the U.S. Courts of Appeals, U.S. District Courts, other federal courts, and state courts across the nation.

In the past five years, Vanderbilt Law graduates have secured 187 clerkships with the following courts and judges:

- 1 with the Supreme Court of the United States
- 52 with U.S. Court of Appeals judges
- 87 with U.S. District Court judges
- 6 with U.S. District Court magistrate judges
- 4 with U.S. Bankruptcy Court judges
- 1 with a U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces judge
- 8 with state Supreme Court justices
- 28 with state appellate court and trial court judges

Twenty-three members (11.2 percent) of the Class of 2013 secured 25 clerkships with:

- U.S. Court of Appeals judges on the Fifth, Sixth, Eleventh and D.C. circuits
- U.S. District Court judges in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia
- The Tennessee Supreme Court
- State court judges in Colorado, New Jersey and Tennessee

Eight other recent graduates secured clerkships this past year with:

- U.S. Court of Appeals judges on the Third and Sixth Circuits
- U.S. District judges in Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee
- Tennessee Chancery Court

*As of July 15, 2013
Nashville is a major legal, economic and political center—a state capital with a population of 1.5 million in its metropolitan area. Its active legal community is extremely supportive of the law school. National firms based here, combined with many corporate headquarters of major corporations, create plentiful and interesting employment and internship opportunities in all areas of the law.

Metropolitan Nashville also affords a dynamic business environment. As the corporate headquarters of Hospital Corporation of America and more than 50 other health care enterprises, Nashville has been called the health care industry’s Silicon Valley. The entertainment industry for which Nashville is world famous pumps $1 billion into the local economy each year. And Fortune 500 companies with a major presence include Dell, Hewlett-Packard, Ford, DuPont, Goodyear, Nissan and General Motors.

“What a great city! You feel the Southern sense of community and hospitality everywhere!”

Katlyn Miller CLASS OF 2014
Katlyn, a native of Anchorage, Alaska, spent two years working on the staff of the U.S. Supreme Court after graduating from American University. There, she met Kate Tarbert '05, who clerked for Chief Justice John Roberts during 2010–11, whose positive experience at Vanderbilt encouraged Katlyn to apply. “Within the first hour after I arrived at Vanderbilt for Admitted Students Day, I knew I would come here,” Katlyn said. “The community as a whole and the ‘feel’ of Vanderbilt won me over.”
A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

When you visit—and especially as you study here—you’ll find that Nashville is an extremely appealing place to live and work. Students say they find the city surprisingly cosmopolitan, with all of the amenities they would expect from much larger metropolitan areas, yet small and accessible enough to maintain a familiar sense of community.

The Third Coast. Country music may have put Nashville on the map, but today’s diverse music scene reflects the city’s cultural breadth and sophistication—ranging from the Grand Ole Opry to the Nashville Opera, and from the world-class Nashville Symphony to jazz, rock and bluegrass performers at intimate clubs around town.

Where to Play. Nashville’s entertainment opportunities also include an abundance of professional sports with the NFL’s Tennessee Titans, the Nashville Predators of the NHL and minor-league baseball with the AAA Nashville Sounds. Nearby parks offer quiet hiking and biking trails, and each year several Vanderbilt Law students join thousands of other runners in the Music City Marathon.

Whet Your Appetite. Dozens of restaurants are within walking distance of the law school. Thanks to Nashville’s tremendous cultural diversity, you can find everything from Peruvian, Ethiopian, East Indian and West African cuisine to “meat and threes” that offer traditional Southern cooking and soul food.

A Pleasant Climate. Many students who come here from other areas of the country say they’ve never before experienced four distinct seasons. Nashville’s spectacular springs and falls show Vanderbilt’s park-like campus to its best advantage, and pleasant temperatures will beckon you to study outdoors. Winters tend to be mild.

“Nashville has an easygoing hipness that comes from the perfect mix of culture and counterculture. And it’s the perfect size—big enough to have a robust legal culture apart from the law school, but small enough to allow Vanderbilt students to influence that culture through clinics and volunteer work. As someone who grew up out West and went to school back East, I feel funny saying this, but Nashville feels like home.”

Rebecca Haw Assistant Professor
Professor Haw joined Vanderbilt’s law faculty in 2011. Her research focuses on antitrust law.
Founded in 1873 with a million-dollar endowment from Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, the university that bears his name now comprises 10 colleges and schools, including one of the nation’s top medical schools. Vanderbilt draws its 12,700 students from all 50 states and 45 foreign nations. There’s always something interesting to do or see here—whether it’s Southeastern Conference football, basketball or baseball games (and a host of other sports); the Performances at Vanderbilt series that brings in top artists; movies at the on-campus Sarratt Cinema; or lectures by world-renowned scholars and leaders at the law school and elsewhere on campus.

Law students can unwind at the 132,000-square-foot Student Recreation Center, which features a gym with three basketball courts, a suspended running track, a 6,000-square-foot weight and cardio room, racquetball and squash courts, and a large indoor pool. Outdoor courtyards, tracks, recreational fields and an indoor tennis center are also nearby. Law students regularly form teams to participate in a variety of intramural sports and enjoy the kayaking, spelunking, rock climbing and camping trips sponsored by the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Last year, Vanderbilt’s attention-getting football team won nine games, made their second straight bowl appearance (defeating North Carolina State in the Music City Bowl), and earned a final ranking among the nation’s top 20.
Vanderbilt University is comprised of 10 schools, all located on the school’s Nashville campus. In addition to Vanderbilt Law School, the University encompasses:

- Blair School of Music
- Owen Graduate School of Management
- Peabody College of Education and Human Development
- Vanderbilt College of Arts and Science
- Vanderbilt Divinity School
- Vanderbilt School of Engineering
- Vanderbilt School of Medicine
- Vanderbilt School of Nursing
- Vanderbilt University Graduate School

The Freedom Forum First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt. Each year, the law school hosts the First Amendment Center Moot Court Competition in conjunction with the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center, the nation’s largest media-related foundation. The competition brings moot court teams from all over the nation to Vanderbilt.

A SOURCE OF UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

Vanderbilt Chancellor Nick Zeppos joined Vanderbilt’s law faculty in 1992 and was a renowned teacher of administrative law before joining the university’s administration. Vice Chancellor for University Affairs and Athletics David Williams, an expert in sports law who is also the university’s general counsel, also teaches on Vanderbilt’s law faculty.

Mark Dalton, Class of 1975, became chair of Vanderbilt University’s Board of Trust in spring 2011, and Jack Moore, Class of 1973, became one of two vice-chairs of the board. Dalton is co-chairman and CEO of Tudor Investment Corporation. Moore recently retired as executive chairman of Regions Financial Corporation, one of the 10 largest bank holding companies in the U.S.
We’d like to meet you

More information promotes better decisions. That’s why we offer in-person interviews as part of the J.D. application process. An interview allows us to know more about you as a prospective student, and allows you to meet individually with a Vanderbilt representative and learn more about our community. Interviews also help us support and maintain the cooperative professional culture prized by our students and alumni.

More than 700 VLS alumni conduct in-person interviews with applicants in 37 states, D.C., and 12 foreign locations, and VLS admissions officers interview applicants at dozens of scheduled events on university campuses and in major cities from coast to coast.

A great way to discover whether Vanderbilt is the right law school for you is to visit. Prospective students are always welcome to contact the Admissions Office to arrange a visit that may include a tour of our building, observing a first-year class, and a meeting or interview with an admissions officer. We believe that you will find, as so many students past and present have found, that a visit to Vanderbilt can change your future.

“During my visit to Vanderbilt, I realized it was the place I wanted to be for the next three years.”

Noah Coakley Class of 2013
Judge Advocate Staff Officer
U.S. Air Force

Noah, who is a Dutch national, spent spring 2011 as an extern at the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C., and summer 2011 working in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague. He has also earned an LL.M. in European Law at Leiden University in the Netherlands.

SCHEDULE AN ADMISSION INTERVIEW
Click on Virtual VLS under Prospective Students at www.law.vanderbilt.edu to schedule an admission interview at many locations across the nation or abroad.

CONTACT VANDERBILT ADMISSIONS
Phone: 615-322-6452
Email: admissions@law.vanderbilt.edu
Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time (except holidays)
Ready to apply?
Here’s your application guide.

To apply to Vanderbilt Law School’s J.D. program, you must hold (or expect to hold) a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.
We are pleased that you are considering Vanderbilt Law School and look forward to working with you throughout the application process.

You are welcome to contact the Admissions Office at 615-322-6452 or admissions@law.vanderbilt.edu with questions or concerns. We look forward to hearing from you.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **SEPTEMBER 15 – APRIL 1**
  Applications submitted

- **DECEMBER 1**
  Deadline for requesting admission interviews

- **JANUARY 10**
  Deadline for submitting Law Scholars Merit Award applications

- **FEBRUARY 15**
  Priority deadline for need-based scholarships
The Admission Process

**J.D. PROGRAM**
You may submit a J.D. application between September 15 and April 1. We make admission decisions on a rolling basis. Apply electronically on our website or through the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC).

We can consider your application when we have received all of the following:
- Your completed application form
- Your Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report
- Two letters of recommendation
- Your personal statement
- The J.D. Financial Aid Statement form (required of all applicants)
- A $50 non-refundable application fee

The application fee must be paid online using a credit card.

**ADMISSION INTERVIEWS**
J.D. applicants may request an interview as an optional component of the application. Interviews are offered on campus or through alumni across the nation and abroad. To request an interview, visit Virtual VLS under Prospective Students at: www.law.vanderbilt.edu.

**SELECTION PROCESS**
We evaluate each application thoroughly, reflecting our belief that the quality of the educational environment at Vanderbilt Law School benefits from considering a range of information far broader than your GPA and LSAT score. We make decisions on individual applications as quickly as possible, although the time required varies from case to case. A rolling selection process allows for extending the time frame of consideration where appropriate, ensuring that each application receives the individual attention it deserves and allowing us to make careful comparisons of applications completed at different times. The rolling process also means that applicants who take the December or February LSAT are not disadvantaged.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
If you completed a bachelor’s degree at an institution outside the United States (including its territories) and/or Canada, in addition to providing the materials listed above, you must also:
1) Register with the LSAC J.D. Credential Assembly Service, and
2) Take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if the language of instruction at the foreign institution conferring your bachelor’s degree is not English. Please request that Educational Testing Service (ETS) send your TOEFL score directly to LSAC for inclusion with your Credential Assembly Service report, using code 0058.

**J.D. TRANSFER ADMISSION**
Law students who have completed one year of study in a J.D. program at an ABA-approved law school may apply for transfer admission to Vanderbilt. Transfer applicants may submit applications from May 1 through July 1. Transfer students are not eligible for joint degree programs.

To apply as a transfer student, you must:
- Complete the electronic J.D. transfer application form through LSAC—a link is provided on our website.
- Provide a personal statement that addresses the reasons you would like to complete your J.D. at Vanderbilt or indicates your need to be located in Nashville.
- Provide two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a faculty member who taught you at your current law school.
- Provide an official transcript showing grades for all first-year courses, your rank in class at the end of the first year, and a letter of good standing from your current law school.
- Register with the Credential Assembly Service (CAS), and have your report sent to Vanderbilt.
- Pay a $50 non-refundable application fee.

**VISITING STUDENTS**
J.D. students at other ABA-approved law schools may apply for visiting student status by submitting the same materials required for transfer applicants except a report from the Credential Assembly Service (CAS). Please provide a transcript from your law school showing grades for all academic work you have completed. Please contact the Admission Office for application forms.
Financial Assistance

Approximately 80 percent of Vanderbilt law students receive some form of financial assistance through the school. More than 70 percent receive merit- or need-based scholarships in varying amounts, with a median award of $20,000 for the class entering in 2011. We make scholarship decisions on an ongoing basis beginning in February, and we notify recipients as decisions are made. Financial aid packages may include merit scholarships, need-based scholarships, scholarships based on combined merit and need, or educational loans. All financial assistance is offered for the three years of attendance at Vanderbilt with no specific academic standing required for renewal each year.

**LAW SCHOOL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS**
All admitted J.D. applicants are automatically considered for merit scholarships provided by the law school. These scholarships are awarded in varying amounts.

**LAW SCHOLARS MERIT AWARDS**
Each year, Vanderbilt provides several merit awards valued at more than full tuition to admitted applicants through a competitive selection process. To be considered, applicants must complete the Application for Law Scholars Merit Awards. We recommend that you submit this form with your application for admission, but you may submit it separately after you have applied for admission. In either case, the deadline for submitting Law Scholars applications is January 10. You’ll find more information about Law Scholars Awards on page 45 of this viewbook.

**NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS**
Some scholarships are awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need. For consideration, you must complete both the Need Access Form and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). International students who are not eligible to submit the FAFSA may still complete the Need Access Form to be considered for need-based scholarship assistance.

February 15 is the priority deadline for consideration for need-based scholarships, and we recommend all forms be submitted by this date. Submitting the FAFSA and Need Access forms by the priority deadline increases the possibility of receiving a need-based scholarship. Forms submitted after the priority deadline will be considered to the extent that funds remain available.

When you complete the FAFSA, list Vanderbilt University’s Title IV Code, 003535. You may submit an electronic FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov or obtain a paper FAFSA form through a financial aid office at a college or university. The FAFSA should be completed as soon as possible after January 1.

In completing the Need Access Form, list Vanderbilt Law School code 0035301. The Need Access Form can be completed at www.needaccess.org. Parental information is required for applicants ages 25 and under.

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**Educational Loans**
Most students take out educational loans to finance some of the costs of attending law school, typically relying on Federal Direct loans provided through Vanderbilt. Admitted applicants who submit a FAFSA to Vanderbilt receive loan packages.

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**Considering Public Interest Law? Vanderbilt Offers Loan Repayment Assistance.**
Public interest law is challenging, rewarding and—unfortunately—low-paying. Because most law graduates face the need to repay student loans, if you choose to practice law in a public interest setting, Vanderbilt Law School offers a Loan Repayment Assistance Program that assists graduates with their annual loan debt after graduation. The amount of repayment assistance for which you are eligible is based on your salary.

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**Vanderbilt Law School Estimated First-Year Costs 2013-14**

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While all admitted applicants are automatically considered for Law School Merit Scholarships, consideration for the following merit awards requires submission of the Application for Law Scholars Merit Awards by January 10. The selection committee reviews candidates’ Law Scholar applications along with their applications for admission. All admitted applicants who have submitted Law Scholar applications by January 10 will be considered for all available Law Scholar Awards. Recipients are normally notified in February.

The following Law Scholar Merit Awards include full-tuition scholarships plus a $5,000 annual stipend, making each currently valued at more than $150,000 over three years. Scholarships and stipends are renewed annually for recipients in good standing at the law school.

THE JOHN W. WADE SCHOLARSHIP
The John W. Wade Scholarship, considered the highest honor provided to incoming students, is awarded to selected candidates who possess superior academic records and personal qualities that reflect potential for outstanding contributions to the legal profession. The selection committee seeks well-balanced individuals whose intellectual capacity, relationships with others and endeavors reflect former Dean John Wade’s commitment to scholarship, service and the legal profession. The scholarship includes full tuition plus a $5,000 annual stipend for each of the three years of law study.

THE PATRICK WILSON SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP
This full-tuition scholarship, sponsored by the law school’s Patrick Wilson Scholars, is awarded to selected incoming law students who demonstrate superior academic performance and strong potential for professional and personal leadership. The award includes a $5,000 annual stipend for each of the three years of law study in addition to full tuition.

THE JOHN S. BEASLEY II HONOR SCHOLARSHIP
The John S. Beasley II Honor Scholarship is awarded to selected incoming law students with the personal qualities, promise and potential to be a leader at the law school and in the legal profession. The scholarship includes full tuition plus a $5,000 annual stipend for each of the three years of law study.

THE HAROLD STIRLING VANDERBILT SCHOLARSHIP
The Harold S. Vanderbilt Scholarship is awarded to selected incoming law students who demonstrate intellectual tenacity, a commitment to service, strong leadership and sound scholarship. The scholarship includes full tuition plus a $5,000 annual stipend for each of the three years of law study.

In addition to these awards, Law Scholar applicants are also considered for:

THE ELLIOTT CHEATHAM SCHOLARSHIP
The Elliott Cheatham Scholarship is awarded each year to a member of the incoming law class who demonstrates the combined qualities of scholarship and leadership that Professor Cheatham possessed. The Cheatham stipend of $5,000 is added to all amounts of merit or need-based scholarship assistance awarded by the law school. Cheatham scholars are selected by the law school’s selection committee and the Cheatham Scholarship Trustees.

Questions? You’ll find more information about our scholarship programs on our website at www.law.vanderbilt.edu. You may also contact the Admissions Office at 615-322-6452 or admissions@law.vanderbilt.edu.
Applicants to the J.D. program must hold (or expect to hold) a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.

Apply online using the LSAC electronic application form. You may complete and submit a paper application form instead, which is available on our website in pdf format for printing.

In addition, you must provide a copy of official college transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended and an official report of your score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) through the Credential Assembly Service (CAS), for which you should register when you register for the LSAT. You can register for the LSAT and the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) online at www.lsac.org.

Please submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation. Your letters should be submitted through the Credential Assembly Service, which is described in the LSAT/ Credential Assembly Service registration information. However, if your recommenders prefer to send their letters directly to us, recommendation forms for their use are available for print-out on our website in pdf format.

Letters should be from members of the faculty of your undergraduate or graduate school, preferably faculty members who served as your advisers on research projects or who taught you in more than one course. Letters from employers are also welcome, preferably from persons who have been your supervisors in full-time employment or military service.

**CHARACTER AND FITNESS STANDARDS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION**

There are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar and obtaining a license to practice law. These requirements may differ by state, and you should determine what the requirements are in the state(s) where you intend to practice. With an eye toward these professional standards, the Vanderbilt application for admission asks specific questions concerning disciplinary actions in an academic setting as well as criminal charges or convictions.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY**

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Questions? Please contact the Office of Admissions at 615-322-6452 or email us at admissions@law.vanderbilt.edu if you have questions. We look forward to working with you during the admission process.
Prior to submitting your application:

☐ Register for the LSAT/Credential Assembly Service online at www.lsac.org. International students must also register with the J.D. Credential Assembly Service and have their TOEFL results reported to LSAC using code 0058.

☐ Send official copies of all college and university transcripts to the Credential Assembly Service (CAS).

☐ Have two letters of recommendation sent to Credential Assembly Service (CAS) or give the J.D. Applicant Recommendation Forms to recommenders.

☐ By December 1: Request admission interview (strongly encouraged, see page 40).

☐ By January 10: Complete and submit the Application for Law Scholars Merit Awards (optional). All admitted applicants will be automatically considered for other scholarships, but only those who submit this application are considered for Law Scholar Merit Awards (see page 45).

☐ By February 15: Complete the Need Access and FAFSA forms to be considered for need-based scholarships (optional).

☐ September 15 to April 1: Complete and submit the J.D. Application with your personal statement.

YOUR J.D. APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

☐ $50 (U.S.) application fee paid online using a credit card.

☐ A completed J.D. Financial Aid Statement (required of all applicants).
For more information

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Location: Beasley Admissions Suite

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Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and the
Tennessee College and University Security Information Act,
Vanderbilt University will provide you, upon request, an annu-
al Security Report on University-wide security and safety,
including related policies, procedures, and crime statistics.
A copy of this report may be obtained by writing or calling
the Vanderbilt University Police and Security Office, 2800
Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, Tennessee 37212 or by telephone
at (615) 343-9750. You may also obtain this report on our

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administration of educational policies, programs, or activi-
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cer, Baker Building, VU Station B #351809, 2301 Vander-
bilt Place, Nashville, Tennessee 37235-1809. (615)
322-4705 (V/TTD); fax (615) 343-4969.
Vanderbilt Law School and the Vanderbilt University Campus
Nashville, Tennessee

The Law School Admissions Office is located in the Beasley Admissions Suite on the first floor of the Law School building.

Getting to Vanderbilt Law School via the Interstates

From the north, take I-65 to I-40 east to exit 209B. Turn right on Broadway (U.S. 70S).

From the east or south, take I-40 west to exit 209B. Turn left on Broadway (U.S. 70S).

From the west, take I-40 east to exit 209A. Turn left on Broadway (U.S. 70S).

Once you have turned onto Broadway, stay on the right. When Broadway splits into West End Avenue, follow West End to 21st Avenue South. Turn left onto 21st (a one-way street). Pay parking is available near the law school in Terrace Park Garage or in Wesley Place Garage.