



# VANDERBILT LAW SCHOOL FAST FACTS

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VLS ranked 2nd for Quality of Life in *Princeton Review* for 2020, 2019 and 2018.

Located on the Vanderbilt University campus, Vanderbilt Law School has been educating lawyers since 1884. VLS typically admits 175 to 180 J.D. students and 65 LL.M. students each year. VLS students publish four scholarly law journals—an all-topic law review, topical journals focusing on international law and entertainment and technology law, and an annual compendium condensing the prior year’s top scholarship in environmental law. VLS has consistently ranked among the top 20 U.S. law schools (between 15th and 18th) since U.S. News began publishing its annual rankings of law schools, and its productive faculty are highly ranked based on citations and scholarship impact.



## HIGH-PERFORMING STUDENTS

### CLASS OF 2023

- 5,181** Applicants to J.D. Class Entering Fall 2020
- 182** First-year Students, 2020–21
- 40** (22%) Minority Students
- GPA:** 3.66 (25%), 3.82 (median), 3.91 (75%)
- LSAT:** 162 (25%), 167 (median), 168 (75%)
- 104** Undergraduate Schools Represented
- 11** (5%) Hold Advanced Degrees

### CLASS OF 2022

- 5,305** Applicants to J.D. Class Entering Fall 2020
- 174** First-year Students, 2019–20
- 43** (25%) Minority Students
- GPA:** 3.56 (25%), 3.80 (median), 3.87 (75%)
- LSAT:** 162 (25%), 167 (median), 168 (75%)
- 108** Undergraduate Schools Represented
- 8** (5%) Hold Advanced Degrees

J.D. Employment Destinations—  
Classes of 2015–2019

# 4 COUNTRIES AND 41 STATES

### Degree Programs

- J.D. (Doctor of Jurisprudence)
- LL.M. (Master of Laws)—A one-year program for foreign-trained lawyers
- Ph.D. Law and Economics
- J.D./M.B.A.
- J.D./Master’s in Finance

### Academic Programs

- Law & Business (certificate program)
- Criminal Justice
- Energy, Environment & Land Use
- Intellectual Property
- International Legal Studies
- Law & Government
- Law & Innovation
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Social Justice

### Clinics & Skills

- Community Enterprise Clinic
- Criminal Practice Clinic
- First Amendment Clinic
- Housing Law Clinic
- Immigration Practice Clinic
- Intellectual Property & the Arts Clinic
- International Law Practice Lab
- Youth Opportunity Clinic
- Workers Advocacy Practicum

### Four Student-Edited Journals

- *Vanderbilt Law Review* – Ranked 20th among 50 law journals in 2020 Washington & Lee U.S. Law Journal Rankings\*
- *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*– Ranked 5th among 162 international law journals in 2020 Washington & Lee U.S. Law Journal Rankings\*
- *Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment & Technology Law* – Ranked 1st for Arts, Entertainment and Sports Law and 7th in Science, Technology and Computer Law in 2020 Washington & Lee U.S. Law Journal Rankings\*
- *The Environmental Law & Policy Annual Review*, produced by VLS students in conjunction with the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, D.C.

\*Released June 1, 2020

### Productive, Engaged Faculty

- Faculty ranked 5th in a 2019 comprehensive, national survey of law faculty impact by Heald and Sichelman.
- Faculty ranked 10th among U.S. law schools in a study, “Scholarly Impact of Law Faculties in 2018: Applying Leiter Scores to Rank the Top Third,” conducted by a research team led by Gregory Sisk
- 14 faculty are elected members of the American Law Institute.
- *Princeton Review* student ranking: Best Classroom Experience: 10th (2018, 2017, 2013, 2011), 9th (2012)
- *Princeton Review* student ranking: Best Professors: 9th (2019)

### Strong Employment Prospects

- Ranked 11th in 2020 *Above the Law* Top 50 Law Schools, limited to “national” schools “with quality employment prospects both outside of their particular region and for those who don’t graduate at the top of the class”
- 9th, *Princeton Review* ranking: Best for Federal Clerkships (2020)
- 12th, Percentage of 2019 law graduates employed in full-time, long-term jobs in firms with more than 100 lawyers based on ABA data
- 11th, *National Law Journal* 2019 Go-To Law Schools, based on percentage of 2018 graduates who took associate attorney positions at the nation’s largest 100 firms
- 13th, *National Law Journal* ranking of law schools based on percentage of 2019 graduates working as federal judicial clerks or at law firms of 100 or more lawyers
- 14th, Law schools that sent the highest percentage of 2019 graduates to the nation’s 100 largest law firms, *National Law Journal*
- 38 2020 graduates secured 40 judicial clerkships to be served in 2020–21 or future years, including 10 with federal appellate judges, 23 with federal district judges, 3 in the Delaware Court of Chancery and 3 in other state courts