

EDUCATING THE COMPLETE LAWYER

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DETROIT MERCY LAW

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Dean's Message



Welcome to Detroit Mercy Law. We are a community of students, alumni, faculty, and staff inspired by our mission of *educating the complete lawyer* in the heart of downtown Detroit. For over a century, we have educated lawyers who lead with a commitment to justice, service, and the highest standards of the legal profession.

As you prepare for the practice of law with us, you will learn to appreciate the privilege we hold as lawyers. You will be challenged to think about how law impacts people's lives. You will gain exposure to various career paths, prepare to serve a diverse clientele, and come to understand your role in ensuring a just legal system.

Our program of legal education is academically rigorous, collaborative, and emphasizes hands-on learning throughout the law school experience. As leaders in skills-based education, we evaluate students based on objective standards of competency—not a grading curve. Prior to graduation, all students complete simulated practice experiences through the Law Firm Program and represent real clients through our award-winning clinical program.

We are proud of our heritage of enrolling racial and ethnic minorities, women, and people of various religious affiliations in our earliest classes, but our commitment to diversity extends beyond our student body. Following our Jesuit and Mercy traditions, we are committed to cultivating an environment in which all of our students, from all backgrounds, can thrive. You will remain true to your authentic self while learning the art of lawyering with us.

Our law school has a storied history in Detroit. Our location in the heart of the city, steps away from a major international border, provides opportunities and access instrumental to our mission. As a member of the State Bar of Michigan, I have served within the Detroit and transnational communities as a passionate advocate for environmental justice. It is my privilege as a leader in legal education to prepare our students to serve within these communities.

On behalf of our talented students, accomplished alumni, expert faculty, and dedicated staff, we look forward to welcoming you and being a part of your future in the legal profession. I invite you to learn more about our mission by visiting our campus and connecting with our community.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Schroeck
Dean and Professor of Law

Admissions Profile

At a Glance

1L Class Size

249



CANADIAN & AMERICAN DUAL JD PROGRAM



Religious Preferences

10+

including those with no religious affiliation

Canadian & American Dual JD Students

92



Age Range

20-45





Entering Class Median

GPA: 3.51

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Race/Ethnicity

48%

1Ls who self-identify as students of color

US JD Students

157

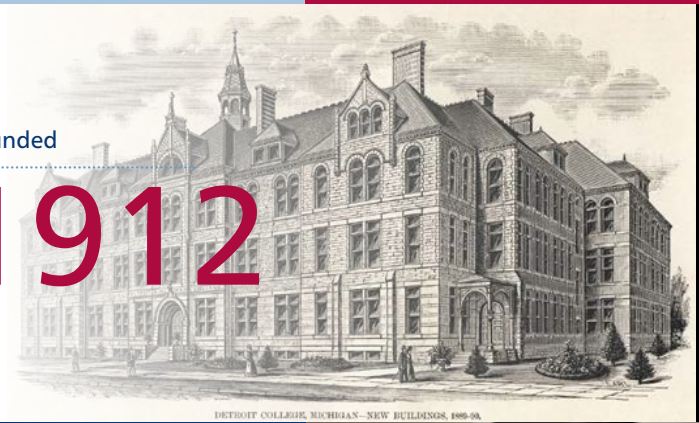
OUR MISSION

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law is a diverse, urban Catholic law school in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions. We seek to *educate the complete lawyer* through a dynamic curriculum that integrates theory, doctrine, and experiential learning; provides unique global perspectives through transnational educational opportunities; and emphasizes ethics and service to others.



Founded

1912



1L Scholarships

$2.5 million +



Entering Class Median

LSAT:
156



*Entering class information for 2025 incoming class

Total Student Body

668


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Educating the Complete Lawyer

Detroit Mercy Law has prepared students for the practice of law in the heart of downtown Detroit at the Riverfront Campus since opening in 1912.

Tour our Riverfront Campus

Connect with the admissions team and schedule a personal tour.

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"Detroit Mercy Law provided me with invaluable mentorship that I am honored to carry with me throughout my career. Our school not only provided me with essential opportunities to get involved as a developing young lawyer, but further guided me on how to enter the Detroit legal community."
Michelle Cirino '25



Programs of Legal Education

Study law at the only law school in the heart of downtown Detroit and immerse yourself in the region's largest legal community.

US JD

Choose the US JD program division aligned with your career goals and commitments: 3-year full-time in person, 4-year part-time in person, 4-year part-time online, or 5-year extended day in person.

JD-MBA

Learn to connect business and legal concepts and develop skills valued by legal and corporate employers.

TRANSNATIONAL DUAL JD

Prepare for a transnational legal career with the only three-year Dual JD program of its kind in North America. Graduate eligible to pursue licensure in the US and Canada.

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Strategic Location

Detroit Mercy Law offers the best access to the region's largest legal community.

Our location is within walking distance to major law firms, businesses, government offices, and courthouses. You can network and gain experience throughout the year.

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"The Career Services Office gave me valuable assistance and guidance, allowing me to thrive in an in-house counsel internship at a large corporation headquartered in Michigan as well as preparing me for on-campus interviews and supporting me through my placement within an esteemed Michigan-based law firm."
Nathan Grewe '26



Strategic Location

Build career-launching connections.

We have the connections to help you launch your career, wherever your path takes you.

While many students choose Detroit Mercy Law because they want to work in the Detroit area, our connections extend far beyond the city.

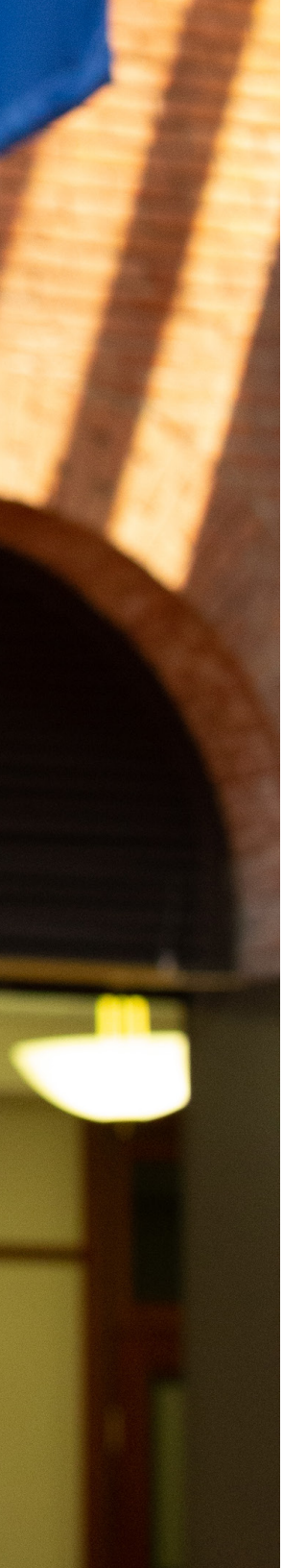
Detroit Mercy Law alumni work throughout the state of Michigan, in major legal markets throughout the US and Canada, and in other countries.

With our 9,000+ alumni practicing around the world, you will have access to an extensive network of attorneys, judges, politicians, and business leaders to welcome you to the profession.

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"I gained two incredible opportunities during my first summer—one with a corporate legal department and one with a federal district court judge."
Chanel Taylor '23



Expanded Career Opportunities

Many students gain their first legal work experience during the summer after the first year of legal studies.

Detroit Mercy Law connects students with employers through on-campus interviews, online job postings, career fairs, and recruiting events.

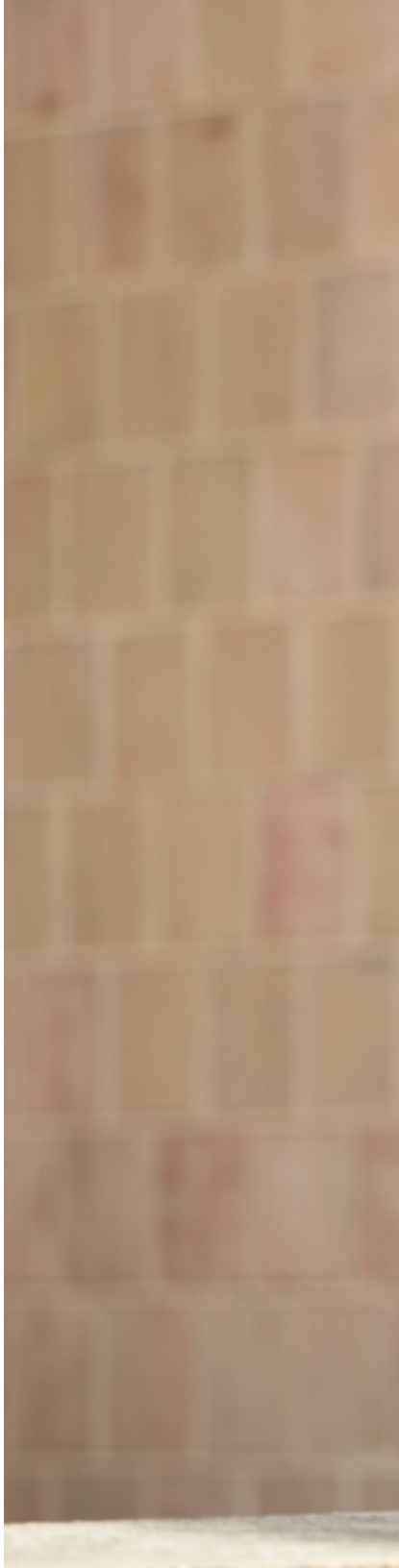
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Expanded Career Opportunities

While many students seek diverse legal experiences during law school, others pursue specific career goals.

Whatever your path, we will offer career and professionalism support to help you succeed.

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"I secured a position with an intellectual property law firm as a patent clerk during law school, combining my legal education with my engineering experience."
Matthew Chess '23
Intellectual Property Law Fellow

Expanded Career Opportunities

Detroit Mercy Law graduates secure positions at top law firms, competitive judicial clerkships, and positions in government, business, and public interest organizations across the US and Canada.



Shelby Struble '24
Federal Judicial Clerk
Detroit



Michael Mojica '24
Public Interest Attorney
Detroit



Guy Brenner '24
Litigation Associate Attorney
New York City



Christina Sutrov '24
Prosecutor
Honolulu



Colleen Williams '24
Associate Attorney
Toronto



Dylan Bressler '24
Tax Associate
Detroit

93%

of 2024 graduates employed in legal and professional positions within 10 months of graduation





Professors with Real-World Experience

We not only teach the law—we teach how to be lawyers.

You will learn the art of lawyering from experienced faculty who are distinguished scholars, well-networked in the legal community, and committed to shaping the next generation of legal professionals.

100%

practiced in their area of expertise before joining the faculty

Hands-On Lawyering

Detroit Mercy Law will prepare you for the practice of law.

Clinics

Gain experience representing real clients—guaranteed.

Our clinical program, founded in 1965, is among the first clinical programs in the nation, and is recognized for excellence and service. The clinical program resides in the George J. Asher Law Clinic Center, a converted firehouse built in 1910, and is located across the street from the law school.

Externships

Gain experience in judicial chambers, public interest organizations, and government offices while earning academic credit.

Many externship opportunities are within walking distance of Detroit Mercy Law, which makes it convenient to gain experience throughout the year, even while taking classes.

Law Firm Program

Gain experience in an area of law of your choice.

Our nationally recognized Law Firm Program bridges the gap between legal theory and the practice of law. The focus is not on reading a textbook or taking exams. Instead, these courses simulate what new lawyers experience at law firms, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and corporate legal departments.

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"One of the most rewarding parts of working in the clinic was working directly with inventors and learning how to translate intricate patent laws and procedures into clear, actionable guidance, a skill that I know will be beneficial throughout my career."
Sarah Wilson Meyrer '26
Intellectual Property Law Fellow



Social Justice

Join a community committed to social justice.

Detroit Mercy Law educates lawyers who are committed to the pursuit of justice, service to others, and the highest standards of the legal profession.

1L Clinics

You help people throughout your law school experience—starting in your first year. First-year students work with attorneys in the community to gain hands-on experience at one-day clinics serving clients with matters including housing, immigration, and criminal expungements.

Voice for Justice Fellowship

Detroit Mercy Law supports students making a difference through the Voice for Justice Fellowship, which has funded more than 100 law students who served locally and throughout the world.

35,000

hours of pro bono legal services to residents of Detroit and the surrounding communities by students annually

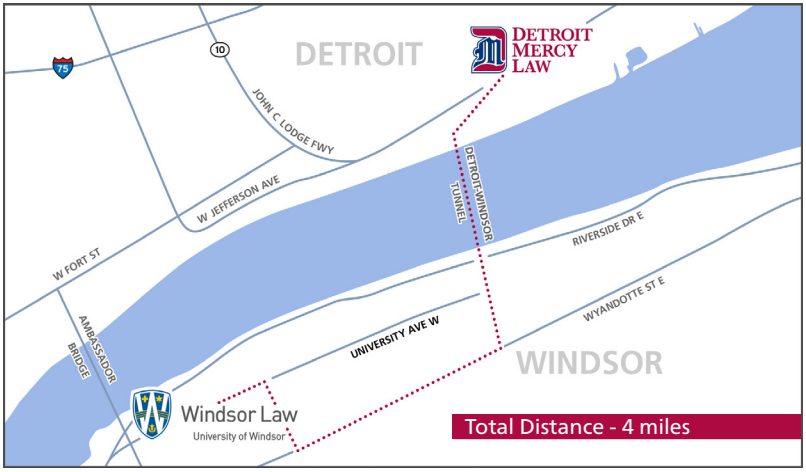
Global Perspectives

Detroit Mercy Law's location on a major international border in downtown Detroit provides opportunity to gain global perspectives and build an international network.

Transnational Dual JD Program

Many students choose Detroit Mercy Law to prepare for a transnational legal career. Detroit Mercy Law and Windsor Law, located only four miles apart, offer the only program of its kind in North America in which students earn both a US and Canadian law degree in three years and graduate eligible to pursue licensure in both countries.

CANADIAN & AMERICAN DUAL JD PROGRAM



Study Abroad

Through Detroit Mercy Law's International Opportunities Program, you can participate in a summer study abroad program sponsored by an ABA-approved law school. These rigorous programs expose students to legal studies and practice around the globe.

French Scholar Program

Each year, a Detroit Mercy Law graduate is selected to teach law courses at the Université d'Auvergne in Clermont-Ferrand, France.

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Student Life

At Detroit Mercy Law, you will join a community, build a network, and form friendships with fellow law students, professors, and alumni that will last throughout your legal career.

Connections, Leadership, and Service

Students are encouraged to get involved with student organizations that are aligned with their interests and goals.

Representative Student Organizations

- Albanian American Law Student Association
- American Constitution Society
- Arab American Law Student Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Business Law Society
- Chaldean American Law Student Association
- Criminal Law Society
- Cyber & Privacy Law Association
- Disability Law Association
- Environmental Law Society
- Family Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Friends of Lawyers Without Borders
- Hispanic & Latino/a Law Students Association
- If/When/How
- Immigration Law Association
- Intellectual Property Law Society
- Jewish Law Student Association
- Lawpreneur Association
- Law Review
- Law Students for Justice in Palestine
- Lawyers Lending Hands
- Mental Health Association
- Moot Court Board of Advocates
- Muslim Law Students Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- OUTLaws
- Parents in Law
- Real Estate Law Organization
- Republican Law Society
- South Asian Law Students Association
- Sports Law Society
- St. Thomas More Society
- Student Bar Association
- Veterans Law Society
- Women's Law Caucus


Stephanie Thomas ’25
24-25 President
Black Law Students Association

Diversity & Inclusion

Detroit Mercy Law is committed to enhancing the legal profession and advancing justice through our commitment to diversity and inclusion.

We are proud of our heritage of enrolling racial and ethnic minorities, women, and people of various religious affiliations in our earliest classes.

Incoming 2025 Demographic Survey

48% Racial/Ethnic Diversity | 54% Female | 10+ Religious Preferences

Detroit Mercy Law students come from a wide range of backgrounds.

We provide all students with the tools to excel. Whatever your story, you will be valued as an individual, welcomed into our community, and supported as you pursue your goals.

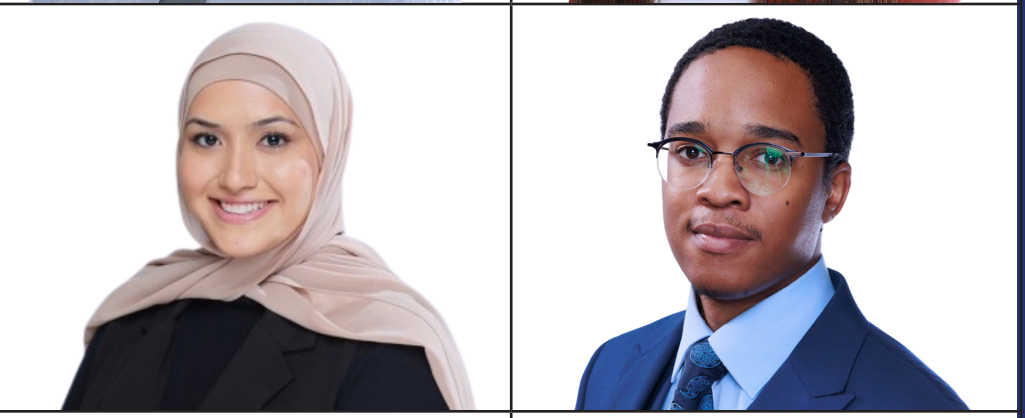
Detroit Mercy Law Faculty

60% women | 40% men | 25% people of color

Includes members of the LGBTQIA+ community

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Statement on Diversity & Inclusion

A critical component of helping our students achieve their personal and professional goals is preparing them to live and work in a world that is wonderfully diverse. We include, respect, and welcome into our community diverse individuals and perspectives. We value diversity in many forms, including gender, race, religion, national origin, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, physical ability, and learning style. We strive to reflect this value through the vibrancy of student life and the composition of our student body, faculty, staff, and administration. In accordance with the Jesuit and Mercy traditions, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law is firmly committed to enriching and enhancing the diversity of our community.

Admissions & Scholarships

Detroit Mercy Law welcomes applications from all qualified candidates who seek a legal education. Our Admissions Committee carefully evaluates each applicant's file and considers a variety of factors in making admissions decisions, including academic achievement, LSAT score(s), writing and analytical skills, leadership, work experience, and community service. We recognize that a diverse student body enhances our community, and we value individuals who offer unique backgrounds and experiences.

First-Year Scholarships

Applicants are encouraged to apply early in the admissions cycle for maximum scholarship consideration. All admitted students are automatically considered for Dean's Scholarships and Fellowship Awards.

Upper-Level Scholarships

We recognize students who demonstrate academic excellence at the end of their first year with scholarships. In addition, many student leaders receive scholarship in their upper-level years.

Financial Aid

The financial aid professionals at Detroit Mercy Law are available to connect you with resources for financing your investment in your legal education. We take seriously our responsibility to provide you with information and resources that will help you plan your financial future.

Veterans Benefits

Detroit Mercy Law participates in veterans tuition benefit programs, including the Yellow Ribbon Program. For an eligibility determination, contact the US Department of Veterans Affairs at www.va.gov or 1-800-827-1000.



Application Timeline

September	Applications for Fall Admission Begin
October	Free Application for Federal Student Aid Opens (Detroit Mercy FAFSA code: 002323)
November	Admissions Committee begins to review files for decision. Files are reviewed on a rolling basis. Candidates will receive a decision four to six weeks after their file becomes complete.
January-May	Detroit Mercy Law Scholarship Interviews
February	Priority Application and Scholarship Deadline. The Admissions Committee will continue to accept applications and award scholarships on a space-available and resource-available basis.
April	First Tuition Deposit Due
June	Second Tuition Deposit Due
July	Financial Aid Application Priority Deadline and Final Official Undergraduate Transcripts Due
June/July	Detroit Mercy Law hosts a series of events to prepare you for your first year of law school.
August	Orientation and Classes Begin

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