



The latest issue of *National Jurist* names Duquesne University School of Law No. 9 in the country for bar exam preparation.

The magazine, which specializes in legal education, lists 38 best law schools across the country for bar prep and includes Duquesne Law in the top 10. The winter 2017 issue reviewed bar exam pass rates using median LSAT scores for the classes of 2013 and 2014, and then identified the schools that performed the best against the predictions.

"Duquesne Law has developed a comprehensive bar preparation program over several years and the effort has paid off," says Richard Gaffney, director of bar services and assistant professor of clinical legal skills.

"Our academic excellence program is available to students beginning with their first semester of studies. Then, as they move toward their third year of full-time studies or fourth year of part-time evening studies, they can take advantage of a full range of opportunities to prepare for the bar exam."

In addition to the new ranking from *National Jurist*, Duquesne Law reported top results from the most recent Pennsylvania bar examination. Graduates achieved a 91.96 percent first-time pass rate on the July 2016 exam, placing it second among 10 Pennsylvania-area law schools. The pass rate exceeded the Pennsylvania first-time average pass rate (75.35 percent) by 16.6 points and marked the 10th time in the last 11 years that Duquesne has exceeded the statewide average.

Duquesne placed ahead of Temple, Villanova, Drexel, the University of Pittsburgh and other law schools. Only the University of Pennsylvania and Duquesne had first-time pass rates exceeding 90 percent. The next highest rate was ten points lower, placing Duquesne in an elite category among Pennsylvania law schools.

"Our faculty are fully committed to teaching excellence and preparing our graduates for success in the bar exam and in practice," Interim Dean Maureen Lally-Green said. "Our July 2016 Pennsylvania results and the new ranking from *National Jurist* reflect that dedication and our students' hard work. We are immensely proud of them."