DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

THOMAS R. KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



EMPOWERED TO LEAD.
PREPARED FOR WHAT'S NEXT.

Our Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University is located on "The Bluff" overlooking downtown Pittsburgh, the second largest city in Pennsylvania. Small size classes shape our campus, which is a short three-block walk to downtown and the many prospects it holds—including externships, clerkships, and job opportunities.

Because of our Spiritan tradition, our law students learn equity and opportunity begin at home and receive a law education based on ethical training and justice.

They also are prepared for anything through their involvement in our nationally-recognized legal research and writing program and by gaining valuable clinical experience. Our 10 law clinics include live client experiences and court appearances. Whatever your goals are, they are attainable from here.



In fall 2022, law alumnus Thomas R. Kline, L'78, one of the nation's most influential and highly regarded trial lawyers, committed $50 million to Duquesne's 115-year-old law school.

This is the largest gift in university history and one of the largest gifts ever given to a law school in the U.S. This transformational gift is providing student scholarships, faculty grants for excellence in teaching and scholarship, the law school's noted Bar Preparation program, and new clinical offerings that benefit the community and other strategic priorities.

Welcome to the Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University

FROM THE DEAN

For more than a century, the Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University has stood as something truly unique; we are the nation's only Spiritan Catholic law school, founded in 1911 with a mission that remains our strength today.

Our mission is clear — to educate lawyers in the ethical practice of law, to preserve the highest ideals of our profession, and to promote equal justice and democratic discourse through leadership, service, and civic engagement. We believe that education is your pathway to empowerment, and we have proudly welcomed all faiths and backgrounds since our founding.

You will discover that legal education extends far beyond textbooks and case law. Here, you will flourish in mind, body, and spirit as you prepare to make your mark on the world.

As your faculty, we walk alongside you as mentors and guides throughout your journey of growth and discovery. Together, we will prepare you not just to practice law, but to lead with purpose and serve with distinction.

Our stunning campus location on "The Bluff" offers breathtaking views of downtown Pittsburgh. Nestled within 50 acres, our Law School sits at the vibrant heart of a dynamic academic community, surrounded by nine other schools and colleges. This energy extends beyond our campus to the city itself, where law firms, courthouses, businesses, and government offices provide unparalleled opportunities for externships, clerkships, clinical experience, and career placement.

Pittsburgh, with its renowned livability, affordability, three rivers, and 446 beautiful bridges, offers the perfect backdrop for your legal education. From our thriving cultural district and world-class Carnegie museums to our beloved sports teams, this city will become part of your story.

By coming to Duquesne Kline School of Law, you will be empowered to lead, committed to serve, and prepared for practice. You are joining a school with upward momentum and an exciting future. Here, you will become part of a community dedicated to advancing justice and serving a higher good.

I invite you to join us in this noble calling.



Sincerely,
April Mara Barton
Dean and Professor of Law



Dean April M. Barton

FACULTY

Teaching, scholarship, and service are at the heart of what our faculty do. Our faculty also care deeply about their community and their students.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

Legal Research and Writing

As a first-year student, you will gain fundamental hands-on training through our nationally recognized Legal Research and Writing Program. In class sections smaller than at most other law schools, you will learn essential techniques for legal analysis, research, objective writing, persuasive writing, and oral advocacy techniques.

duq.edu/LawLegalWriting



Comprehensive Bar Studies

In 2021 and again in 2024, *preLaw Magazine* named our Bar Preparation program 6th in the nation. We received this recognition because we offer you comprehensive instruction, monitoring, and support—even after you graduate—to give you the tools you need to confidently take the Bar exam. Our Director of Bar Studies is a dedicated, experienced mentor throughout the process. Bar-tested topics, tools to hone your legal reasoning skills, and rigorous training on effective test-taking strategies are all part of our advanced instruction.

duq.edu/LawBarPrep

All R.I.S.E.

Incoming 1Ls will have free access to All R.I.S.E., a summer program developed by full-time faculty to help students with the transition to law school. The asynchronous online sessions covering topics ranging from critical reading skills to rule-based reasoning are supplemented with weekly online meetings with faculty.

6th Nationally for Bar Preparation
preLaw Magazine 2024

93.28%
Ultimate Bar Pass Rate
2023 two-year rate

Academic Excellence Program

Beginning with the All R.I.S.E. program in the summer prior to the first year, our Academic Excellence Program is available to help you during all your years of law school. Workshops, peer tutors, and additional materials will guide you on areas such as rule synthesis, legal application, and time management.

duq.edu/LawAcademics

Outcomes Matter

RANKED #85
out of 196, a top 100 *U.S. News & World Report* Law School

RANKED #10
for Professor Accessibility*

RANKED #39
for Career*

RANKED #15
Moot Court, from National Jurist in July 2026

*Based on an analysis of the 2025 *Princeton Review* Best Law School ratings. Ranking is out of 168 law schools.

Theory into Practice

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION

Clinical education is one of Duquesne Kline School of Law's instructional cornerstones. The Tribone Center, which houses our clinical programs, practicums, externships, fellowships, and pro bono programs is just a short walk from the state and federal courts, public agencies, and law firms located in downtown Pittsburgh.

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Duquesne Kline School of Law launched the first Veterans Clinic in the country.

Clinics and Practicum:

- Community Legal Practicum
- Family Law Clinic
- Federal Litigation Clinic
- Landlord Tenant Clinic
- Re-Entry Legal Services Clinic
- Urban Development Practicum
- Veterans Clinic
- Wills and Healthcare Decisions Clinic
- Youth Advocacy Clinic - Education Law
- Youth Advocacy Clinic - Juvenile Defense Law

Externship Programs:

- Pennsylvania Innocence Project
- Criminal Prosecution Program
- Public Defender Program
- Elder Law Justice Program

Pro Bono Programs

The pro bono programs feature an attorney/student matching program and direct work with public interest organizations.

Fellowships

The McGinley Public Service Fellowship and the Public Interest Law Association Fellowships (PILA) provide support for students and graduates who work in public service.

34,000+

hours of service to the public through clinics, externships, and pro bono programs from May 2025 to June 2026.



Launch Your Legal Career

CAREER SERVICES

In our Career Services Office, current students will find career counseling and new opportunities to gain practical experience, while graduating students receive assistance in securing employment.

- Alumni Mentors
- Resume Reviews
- Mock Interviews
- On-campus Recruiting
- Employment Portal
- Lawyers on Location
- Judicial Clerkship Presentations
- Practice-area Events
- Solo and Small Firm Seminars
- Nontraditional Legal Career Workshops
- Job Search Workshops
- Networking Events

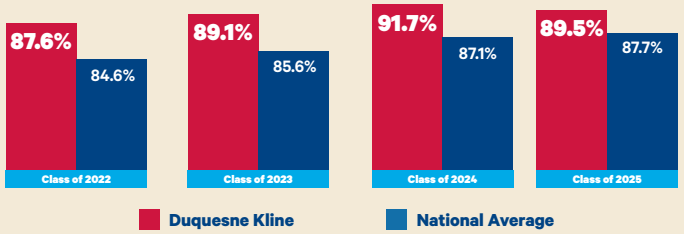
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#39
for Career*

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93% Overall Employment Rate*

and Exceeds the National Average for full-time, long-term Bar Admission Required and J.D. Advantage Positions





Law Student Life

Beyond the classroom, law students develop strong communication and writing skills through one of our three student publications, gain hands-on advocacy experience as members of our award-winning trial advocacy teams, and enrich their law school experience by participating in more than 30 student organizations.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

- Law Review
- Joule: Energy & Environmental Law Journal
- Juris

Trial Advocacy

- Appellate Moot Court
- Trial Advocacy Program

30+ Student Organizations including:

- Black Law Students Association
- Corporate Law Society
- First Generation Society
- Intellectual Property Law Association
- Lambda Law Society
- Older & Wiser Law Students Society
- Student Bar Association

STUDY ABROAD

A three-week, ABA-approved study abroad experience is available in Europe or Ireland each summer. Each experience offers coursework, professional and cultural excursions, and optional internship placements.

Academic Offerings

PROGRAMS

Juris Doctor Degree

Full-Time Day
Part-Time Evening

Concentrations

- Civil Litigation
- Criminal Law
- Law and Computing
- Transactional Legal Practice

Joint Degrees

- **Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration**
  Duquesne Kline School of Law/John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business

3/3 Early Admissions Program

Qualified juniors from eligible undergraduate institutions may apply to our accelerated 3/3 program that allows them to earn a bachelor's degree (B.S. or B.A.) and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) in six years.

Additional requirements vary among the partner schools. For more information, visit **duq.edu/LawAdmissions**.

Getting Started

APPLICATION

Duquesne Kline Law seeks to enroll accomplished, motivated students whose academic achievement, leadership, professional and personal experiences, and commitment to service will strengthen our community and advance the mission of the law school. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) after September 1 each year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit Scholarship Awards

All admitted students are automatically considered for merit-based scholarship funding, including a limited number of full-tuition Dean's Scholarships. Additional donor-funded scholarship opportunities are available for both incoming and returning students.





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