



THOMAS R. KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



EMPOWERED TO LEAD. PREPARED FOR WHAT'S NEXT.

Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University 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, being involved in our legal research and writing program—a national leader—and gain valuable clinical experience. Our seven 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 114-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



Outcomes Matter

RANKED #92 out of 196, a top 100 *U.S. News & World Report* Law School

RANKED #10 for Professor Accessibility*

RANKED #39 for Career*

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

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.

“Salus populi suprema lex” – “The welfare of the people is the highest law.”

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* again 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.

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

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.

duq.edu/LawClinics

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Duquesne Kline School of Law
launched the first veterans clinic
in the country.

Clinics and 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

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.

29,000+

hours of service in one year
through clinics, externships, and
pro bono programs.

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

duq.edu/LawCareerServices

RANKED
#39
for Career*

*Based on an analysis of the 2025 Princeton Review Best Law School ratings. Ranking is out of 169 law schools.

94.9%
of the 2024 graduating class was employed or pursuing a graduate degree within 10 months of graduation.

95% Overall Employment Rate*

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



Employment Locations

(Recent Graduates)



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| Alabama | Maryland | Oregon |
| Arizona | Minnesota | Pennsylvania |
| California | Missouri | South Carolina |
| Colorado | Nevada | Tennessee |
| Connecticut | New Hampshire | Texas |
| Delaware | New Jersey | Virginia |
| Florida | New Mexico | Washington, D.C. |
| Georgia | New York | Wisconsin |
| Illinois | Ohio | West Virginia |
| Kansas | Oklahoma | |

Theory into Practice

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Our student-run organizations include:

- 1st Generation Society
- American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
- Black Law Students Association
- Corporate Law Society
- Intellectual Property Law Association
- Environmental Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Older and Wiser Law Students Society
- Lambda Law Society
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society

duq.edu/LawStudentOrgs



Summer Study of Law and Externships Abroad

A three-week, ABA-approved summer study abroad experience is available in Europe or Ireland each summer. In addition to coursework, a number of professional and cultural excursions are included in the Study Abroad program. Students may also participate in optional internships in a number of countries.



STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

We have four student publications including,

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



Get to Know Pittsburgh's

Diverse Neighborhoods

Walkable Cultural District

Miles of Bike Trails

River Sports

Regional Parks

Must-see Museums

Foodie Destinations

City of Bridges and Neighborhoods

PITTSBURGH

Our city receives outstanding rankings for livability, welcoming atmosphere, and professional opportunities. Duquesne's bucolic 50-acre campus is centered on "The Bluff", in the heart of Pittsburgh. Our campus offers breathtaking views of the downtown skyline and the three rivers.

Neighborhoods

Bloomberg recently named Pittsburgh the most affordable city for housing. The 90 neighborhoods that comprise Pittsburgh offer many opportunities to explore the cultural district, sports venues, museums, music venues, and food scene that make this city a vibrant place to live.



**#2 Best U.S. Cities
for College
Students and
Graduates**

Forbes, 2024



**#10 Best U.S.
Cities for Young
Professionals**
Spacewise, 2025



Academic Offerings

PROGRAMS

Juris Doctor Degree

Full-Time Day

Part-Time Day

Part-Time Evening

Joint Degrees

- **Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration**

Duquesne Kline School of Law/John F. Donahue
Graduate School of Business

Early Decision Program

Candidates who are certain that Duquesne Kline School of Law is their first choice can apply to our binding Early Decision Program.

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.

Concentrations

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



Getting Started

APPLICATION

Candidates should apply online at lsac.org.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis after September 1st for full-time and part-time programs. It is in your best interest to apply early. A holistic review of the application will be completed with consideration given to academic background, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, leadership, and work experience. We seek to create a community of students who will excel academically, participate in the law school community, and advance the mission of the law school.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit Scholarship Awards

Applications received by the Priority deadline will automatically be considered for Merit scholarship awards; a separate application is not required. A small number of full tuition Dean's Scholarships are awarded each year.

There are several additional private scholarships that students may apply for after admission. These scholarships and the application information can be found at duq.edu/LawAdmissions.



9,000+

Duquesne Kline School of Law's alumni network includes more than 9,000 professionals.

NORTH SIDE

HOME RUNS, TOUCHDOWNS, AND WORLD-FAMOUS MUSICAL ACTS

Professional and college football and major league baseball games happen in state-of-the-art stadiums on the North Side. When the home teams aren't playing, these venues feature world-famous musicians.



CULTURAL DISTRICT

WORLD-CLASS THEATER AND DELICIOUS DINING

The 14-square-block Cultural District encompasses more than 90 retail shops, approximately 50 dining establishments, seven world-class theaters, eight public parks, and art installations and a dozen art galleries.



THE HILL DISTRICT

PITTSBURGH'S JAZZ AND PLAYWRIGHT SCENE

Nationally known jazz artists like Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington made the Hill District a regular stop on national tours. Students can also visit the birthplace of famed playwright August Wilson and celebrate his legacy at the annual block party with food, games, and outdoor performances.



THE POINT

THREE RIVERS AND A GIANT FOUNTAIN

Point State Park or "the Point" is where Pittsburgh's three rivers meet, and is home to a giant fountain, biking and walking trails, the Three Rivers Arts Festival, and the Fort Pitt Museum.



MARKET SQUARE

CAFES, ICE SKATING, AND YOGA

Greek, Mexican, Italian and American cafés and restaurants are located in pedestrian-friendly Market Square, and depending on the season, students can also enjoy a Christmas village and ice skating or a farmers' market and Yoga in the Square.



PPG PAINTS ARENA

PROFESSIONAL ICE HOCKEY AND MAJOR CONCERTS

Located across the street from campus, the PPG Paints Arena is home to the Pittsburgh Penguins (who have discounted student tickets!) and features performers of all genres, including Billie Eilish, Nicki Minaj, Bruce Springsteen, Justin Bieber, Simone Biles, and Zach Bryan.



SOUTH SIDE

A NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT WITH LIVELY ENTERTAINMENT

The South Side boasts 15 blocks of Victorian architecture, as well as boutiques, restaurants, galleries, theaters, and live music venues all in a neighborhood that's just a staircase and a quick trip over the 10th Street Bridge.



CAREER CONNECTIONS

COURTHOUSES, LAW FIRMS, CORPORATE OFFICES, NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, TECHNOLOGY HEADQUARTERS

Law students have easy access to various internships and job interviews that are within walking distance of their dorms and apartments.



THOMAS R. KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW OF DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY



You are encouraged to visit the Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University year-round. Student-guided tours and class visits are available from September to April when classes are in session.

To register for an online or on-campus Information Session, schedule a tour, observe a class, or check out our recruitment calendar for events in your area, visit duq.edu/LawAdmissions.