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DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY
School of Law

93.33%
Ultimate Bar Pass Rate
(two-year rate - 2018)
Welcome to Duquesne Law!

Accepting Your Offer

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Admitted Students Website
The Admitted Students Website has everything you need to start your Duquesne Law experience. The website is updated frequently and by summer will include Orientation details. Please check it often.

Don’t miss Admitted Students Day

Saturday, April 2, 2022

RSVP via the Admitted Students Website
Register your attendance today.
duq.edu/law/admittedstudents

Can’t attend Admit Day?
Sign up for an individual visit on the Admissions Visit, Tour, and Engage webpage. We offer student-guided tours and the opportunity to attend a class (when classes are in session).

 Reserve your seat in the class now!
Two, non-refundable, $500 deposits are required to hold your seat in the entering class. If you matriculate at Duquesne Law this fall, your deposits will be credited to your student account for tuition and/or fees.

Seat deposits are due by the dates indicated on your letter of admission. Failure to reserve your seat in the class may result in losing your seat in the entering class as well as forfeiture of financial awards. Please note that Duquesne Law does not extend deposit deadlines or offer deferrals.

Meet Stephon Burton

Why did you choose Duquesne Law? I went to undergrad in the greater Pittsburgh region and had heard only great things about Duquesne. Every time I visited the school, every student and faculty member I talked to were so helpful and kind, there was a tangible community and it was admirable. That really changed my expectations based on the stigma surrounding law schools in general. When I got accepted, keeping all of that in mind, I couldn’t see myself anywhere else.

Undergraduate Institution: Washington & Jefferson College

What advice would you give to incoming law students? My best advice is to establish an effective routine and stick to it. It helps immensely with time management.

Which law student organizations or publications are you a part of?
I am President of the Student Bar Association, and I’m a member of the Duquesne Business Law Informant, the revamped Business Journal (now blog).

What work experiences have you had?
I've worked as a law clerk at two law firms, an intern at a sports agency, and as an intern in a Judge’s chambers.

What are your practice-area interests?
I’m really interested in business law, more specifically, entity formation, succession planning, and intellectual property.

Which clinical program have you completed?
I’ve completed the Wills & Advanced Health Directives clinic.
Scholarship and Financial Aid

duq.edu/graduate-financing

Meet Anabelle Nietupski

Why did you choose Duquesne Law?
The easy answer is that I’m a legacy student. But truthfully, I fell in love with Duquesne Law on my tour. My tour guide was so warm and down-to-earth, and really made me feel safe and included. I wasn’t looking for a “cut-throat” environment, but a place that would help me become the great lawyer I want to be. I found that with Duquesne Law!

Undergraduate Institution: John Carroll University

What are your practice-area interests?
I am interested in pursuing a career in family law. Specifically, I am interested in collaborative divorce, custody mediation, and alternate dispute resolution.

Will I have a “life” in law school?
Yes and no. In law school, you will have much more freedom to dictate how you spend your time. You must be self-disciplined to get the necessary work done. You will also be able to negotiate your own free time and can really work in some self-care, but it is up to you to set your own work schedule and find balance in your routine. It’s important to focus on the big picture: “Why am I in law school? What do I want to accomplish?” Keep this in mind, and you’ll have a rewarding three/four years full of fun, self-care and academic and personal growth.

What is your favorite law school class and professor?
I am currently in Business Associations with Professor John Rice, and I absolutely love it! Professor Rice creates a fun and inviting class environment, and he truly makes me want to come to his class every day.

Which law student organizations or publications are you a part of?
Student Bar Association (Secretary); Lambda Law Society (Vice President); Dean’s Leadership Scholars; Juris Law Blog (Web Editor); Student Ambassador.

Scholarships
You do not need to apply for scholarship aid. All admitted students are considered for merit scholarships; students receiving an award will be notified by email within two weeks after admission.

Scholarships are disbursed half in the first semester and half in the second semester. Students changing division (full-time/part-time) will have their scholarship amounts adjusted accordingly.

Incoming student merit scholarships are retained each year by maintaining Academic Good Standing. The GPA required to be in Academic Good Standing is a 2.0. After your first year, you can apply for a variety of need-based endowed funds. The School of Law does not award conditional scholarships.

Loans
The University’s Office of Financial Aid processes student loans.

What You Need To Do:
1) File FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov using the Duquesne University school code 003258. You can file FAFSA at any time, even before you do your taxes. You can also use the IRS data retrieval tool to easily import tax information.
2) Beginning in March the Office of Financial Aid will mail your award letter to your permanent address on file. The priority deadline for Duquesne University to process loan information is May 31.
3) Beginning July 1 or after you have received your award letters, you can sign your Master Promissory Note for your unsubsidized Stafford loans as well as apply for Grad PLUS or private loans.

Priority Financial Aid Deadline:
May 31, 2022
Duquesne FAFSA Code: 003258
Meet Krista Koontz

Why did you choose Duquesne Law?
I knew I would have to work a full-time job through law school and Duquesne Law offered me the chance to attend law school while understanding and working around the need to continue to work.

Undergraduate Institution: Duquesne University

What advice would you give to incoming law students? 
Ask questions and ask for help! The professors want to help and make sure you understand the material. They also understand the unique challenges that evening law students face.

What are your favorite law school class and professor? 
Professor Rago is by far my favorite professor because he genuinely cares about his students and has an obvious passion for the subjects he teaches! I have taken several courses with him and they have all been my favorite!

Which law student organizations or publications are you a part of? I am a Student Ambassador and the Coordinator of Internal Affairs for Older Wiser Law Students (OWLS)

What might people be surprised to know about you? I work as a Humane Police Officer and am the Coordinator of Humane Investigations

What are your practice-area interests? Criminal Law, Animal Law

Do you have a question/answer you think admitted students might want to know? Working and attending law school can be done. It seems impossible sometimes but it can be done! Time management, organization, and study plans are a huge help!

Loan Deferment
Undergraduate loan deferment or forbearance forms should be given to the Registrar on the first day of classes. The Registrar will complete these forms when official classes have begun and you are a matriculated student.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program
The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) provides post-graduation assistance with educational loan repayment for graduates working in qualifying positions in the nonprofit or public service sector.

At Duquesne Law, the William B. Billock Loan Repayment Program seeks to ease the debt burden incurred by graduates employed at qualifying public interest law entities. Individuals who work as public interest law or government attorneys or staff for tax-exempt organizations, and who earn less than $50,000 per year, are eligible to apply for consideration.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program
The U.S. Department of Education’s post-graduation Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program currently forgives the remaining balance on Direct Loans after borrowers have made 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while working full-time for a qualifying employer.

Law students can learn more about LRAP and PSLF at the loan repayment informational program held each year at Duquesne Law.

Veterans Benefits
Duquesne is a Yellow Ribbon School!
For additional information pertaining to veterans benefits, please visit the Veterans Affairs GI Bill website at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.

Learn more by contacting Duquesne University’s Office for Military and Veteran Students at veterans@duq.edu or 412.396.5366.

REMINDER
Male U.S. citizens must have registered for Selective Service in order to be considered for federal aid and loans. To confirm you have registered, please visit www.sss.gov/Home/Verification.

Duquesne University Office of Financial Aid
Administration Building
600 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15282
faoffice@duq.edu
412.396.6607
On-Campus Housing

Duquesne University has on-campus housing for law students in Vickroy Hall.

Vickroy Hall – Suite-Style Accommodations
- Furnished single- or double-room suites
- Utilities, cable, Internet, and laundry included
- Large, new common kitchen area
- Quiet study spaces, lounge areas
- Small fitness facility
- 24-hour security
- Meal plans available

For more information or questions regarding Vickroy Hall, contact the Office of Residence Life at orl@duq.edu or 412.396.6655

Off-Campus Housing

Pittsburgh offers numerous, affordable off-campus housing options in vibrant neighborhoods near campus, including South Side, Oakland, Lawrenceville, Shadyside, Squirrel Hill, the Mexican War Streets, Downtown, Uptown, and Mount Washington, to name a few.

Be sure to budget for August and September rent payments. Student loan disbursements are not available until mid-September.

Looking for a roommate? Meet your future classmates in the Facebook group Duquesne Law Incoming Class Fall 2022.

Public Transportation

To learn about bus and light rail system (T) transportation, visit the Port Authority of Allegheny County’s website. Students can purchase an affordable ConnectCard and load money onto it to get around the city and region by bus.

Meet Marvi Wahla

Why did you choose Duquesne? Picking Duquesne was easy! When I arrived on campus for admitted students day, my mother and I knew this was where I was going to attend law school. From meeting the Assistant Dean of Admissions, to every professor who was present that day, we were greeted so warmly that I really felt like I was at my home away from home. Duquesne felt like a place where I would be guided through my law school career by people who genuinely wanted me to succeed.

Undergraduate Institution: George Mason University
What advice would you give to incoming law students? Take law school week by week! It can quickly become very overwhelming and it is important to take it slow.

Which law student organizations are you a part of? I am the Vice President of the Hispanic American Bar Association and the Vice President of the Labor and Employment Society.
What work experience do you have? Summer Associate at Burns White, LLC

Summer Associate at Dickie, McCamey and Chilcote
Legal Intern at National Title and Settlement’s Group

What practice areas are you interested in? I am interested in business transactions, employment law, cybersecurity, and risk-management and compliance within corporations.

Which clinical program have you completed? I completed the Civil Rights Clinic and really enjoyed the hands-on experience I gained from assisting individuals obtain expungements and pardons for their criminal records.
At Home in Pittsburgh

Duquesne Law is located steps from Pittsburgh’s legal epicenter, so gaining experience in the area’s firms, courts, businesses, and agencies is convenient. And Pittsburgh’s eclectic neighborhoods and affordable cost of living make it an attractive place to study, work, and live.

As a student here you can discover the region’s many cultural and recreational offerings such as numerous bike trails, including the Great Allegheny Passage linking Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C.; breathtaking parks, including Ohiopyle; world-class museums; and the Pittsburgh Cultural District, with theaters, galleries, and performance spaces all within walking distance.

Plus the city’s major-league sports venues are all located within about a mile, including PNC Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates; Heinz Field, home of the Pittsburgh Steelers; and PPG Paints Arena, home of the Pittsburgh Penguins and major concerts, located across the street from campus.

Campus Amenities

As a law student, you will have access to all of the amenities on Duquesne's campus, including:

- Extensive recreation and fitness facilities in the Power Center
- Swimming pool in Towers
- Two Starbucks
- Multiple dining options in the Duquesne Union, including a Chick-fil-A and Cinco Cantina made-to-order Mexican eatery
- Barnes & Noble Bookstore and Café
- Subway, The Red Ring Restaurant, Freshens yogurt shop, and many other eateries within blocks
- Multiple bike lock stations on campus and a Healthy Ride bike-share location adjacent to campus

Parking & Transportation

Duquesne University offers parking services and permit options. However, no one is required to purchase parking at the University; there are numerous parking lots and garages in the campus vicinity.

Students can also park in the Forbes Avenue Garage and pay hourly rates. Evening permits are available at lower rates for use in the Locust Garage Monday through Friday 2:30 p.m.-midnight and all day Saturday and Sunday.

In addition, the University offers event rate cards free of charge, allowing students to pay regular rates for parking on days that special event rates apply, such as campus basketball games or PPG Paints Arena events.

South Side Shuttle Service

Duquesne University offers shuttle service between campus and South Side. The shuttle bus offers convenient and inexpensive transportation. The shuttle arrives at Duquesne University approximately every 15-20 minutes.

You can track the shuttle live via Double Map or download the free app.

Service is available Monday through Friday 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Shuttle permits must be purchased online each semester.
Undergraduate Institution: St. Bonaventure University

What advice would you give to incoming law students? Remember that everyone, starting on day one, is in the same boat. Always remember how far you’ve come, not how far you have to go. Law school can certainly be overwhelming, but many came before you who got through it, so you can too. Every attorney, judge and even Supreme Court Justice started just where you are. Law school is an honor many will never have, but that you do!

Which law student organizations or publications are you part of? I am involved with both the Family Law Society and the Criminal Law Society. I have also been involved with the Trial Advocacy Program, the Youth Advocacy Clinic and the Family Law Clinic.

What work experiences have you had? My first internship was for a small firm practicing mostly criminal and family law. I then interned at a firm near St. Bonaventure, where they practiced mostly medical malpractice and personal injury. My third internship was doing corporate and contract law for Kennametal Inc., in Pittsburgh. Currently, I’m interning with a law firm in my hometown, gaining experience in various types of law.

Meet Keegan Miller

What is your favorite law school class and professor? It is difficult for me to pick just one law school class and one law school professor. I have thoroughly enjoyed many of my courses and professors. If forced to choose, I would say Trial Advocacy with Professor Giglione or the Family Law Clinic with Professor Norton. In both of those courses, I was able to obtain real-world experience and practice litigation skills that I will use for the rest of my career.
Academic Excellence Program

Our Academic Excellence Program is available to help you during all years of your legal education. In addition to attending the Academic Excellence orientation, you can enroll in any Academic Excellence workshop or course, borrow materials from the Study Room, be matched with a peer tutor, or request a one-on-one appointment at any time.

Do you have questions about Academic Excellence? Contact Maryann Herman, Director of Academic Excellence, at hermanm1@duq.edu.

Comprehensive Bar Studies

Duquesne Law makes it a top priority to ensure that you are thoroughly prepared for the bar examination, so you can be practice ready when you graduate. During every year of study, you can take advantage of comprehensive bar preparation. Duquesne Law’s bar studies offer you a rigorous curriculum taught by acclaimed professors, a nationally ranked legal writing program, hands-on learning gained through unique clinical programs, and special bar preparation options.

Our upper-level core competency courses review legal concepts encountered on the bar examination and in practice.

If you have questions in the meantime, feel free to contact Ashley London, Director of Bar Studies at londona@duq.edu.

Meet Alan Hord

What led you to pursue a joint degree? I chose a joint degree because the combination of the two provides a set of skills that is applicable to being an entrepreneur. They will allow me to maneuver efficiently with a well-rounded base of knowledge.

Undergraduate Institution: Pennsylvania State University

What advice would you give to incoming law students? Only be in competition with yourself. Learn about yourself and how you operate; it will make school and life easier.

Why did I choose Duquesne Law? I chose Duquesne Law because this felt like home. I wanted an inclusive institution with high academic standards.

What might people be surprised to know about you? People might be surprised to know that since college I’ve only held one job for one summer. I am an entrepreneur and work for myself. I do best where I can exert discretion and work on my own timeline.

Interests outside of law school? My interests outside of law school are real estate, sports (basketball), working out and my dog.

JD Jumpstart

The Duquesne University School of Law faculty will provide a summer program for incoming 1Ls to help with the transition to law school. A series of seminars hosted by our faculty will include the following topics:

- Introduction to the Legal System
- Preparing for Class
- Legal Reasoning
- Law School Assessments and Exam Taking

The program is open to all incoming Duquesne Law 1L’s, free of charge.

“The purpose of this program is to give students the opportunity to gain some basic knowledge and skills so that they feel prepared on the first day of law school. Through this program students will learn what to expect, and what will be expected from them, in their classes. It is designed and presented by Duquesne Law professors, specifically for Duquesne Law students. This is a great opportunity to learn some of the skills that are necessary for success in law school before you begin all your coursework. You won’t regret taking the time to complete this program before school starts!”

— Maryann Herman
Director of Academic Excellence and Assistant Professor of Legal Skills

Bar Passage Nationally

preLaw Magazine 2021
Clinical Legal Education

Clinical education is an instructional cornerstone of Duquesne University School of Law.

As an upper-level student, you can benefit by participating in law clinics, yearlong externships, and fellowship placements. All offer live-client experiences — and often, court appearances. You will be ready to start your experiential learning with a summer externship at the end of your first year, if you choose.

Watch for news about student open house events at the Tribone Center for Clinical Legal Education, and learn more about specific clinics and programs of interest to you.

Clincs and Practicum

- Family Law Clinic
- Federal Litigation Clinic
- Re-Entry Legal Services Clinic
- Unemployment Compensation Clinic
- Urban Development Practicum
- Veterans Clinic
- Wills and Healthcare Decisions Clinic
- Youth Advocacy Clinic

Yearlong Externships

- Criminal Prosecution Program
- Pennsylvania Innocence Project
- Public Defender Program
- One-Semester and Summer Externship Placements
  - Government externships
  - Judicial externships
  - Non-Profit externships
  - Private-Sector externships

Fellowships

- Public Interest Law Association Fellowships
- McGinley Public Service Law Fellowships

Pro Bono Placements

- Dozens of placement sites
- Open to all students
- Opportunities for service recognition

Meet Kaine Spitak

Which law student organizations or publications are you a part of? I currently serve as President of Lambda Law Society, an organization at Duquesne Law dedicated to LGBTQ+ education and outreach!

Undergraduate Institution: Chatham University

What advice would you give to incoming law students? Law school is not as scary as it’s made out to be — focus on building your routines and schedule, don’t be afraid to ask questions, and stay engaged. The rest will fall into place!

What work experiences have you had? This past summer, I interned with Highmark Health through the ACBA Summer Clerkship Program. The position focused on data privacy and government compliance.

What might people be surprised to know about you? I’m vegan, and I still play Pokemon Go in 2021.

What are your practice-area interests? I am interested in business law / business litigation.

Which clinical program have you completed? I am currently a part of the Federal Litigation Clinic.
Meet Antonio Bonnetty

What advice would you give to incoming law students? I think the best advice I could give would be to be nice to yourself. I have learned and am still learning that law school is a journey. There will be many hard days and hard lessons, but you are here for a reason and you have a purpose.

Undergraduate Institution: Chaminade University of Honolulu

Why did you choose Duquesne Law? Originally, I had no idea about Duquesne. However, over the course of moving here and visiting I learned that Duquesne has a passion for justice, compassion for its students and staff, and gumption when met with adversity. These things were characteristics of my undergrad, and for that reason Duquesne was more attractive than other law schools.

What are your favorite law school class and professor? My favorite class was Constitutional Law with Professor Jalila Jefferson-Bullock (JJB). To be honest I liked having her as a professor more than the class. I loved the challenge and the complete honesty. JJB is a no holds barred professor. If you make a mistake or completely bomb something (probably because you were not prepared) she will call you on it. It’s inspiring to have someone that believes in you.

What might people be surprised to know about you? I am a licensed underwater investigator. This means that I am certified to dive up to 60 feet to find evidence or recover lost persons.

What are your practice-area interests? Family law and criminal law with a focus on juveniles.

Which clinical program have you completed? I completed the Youth Advocacy Clinic.

Career Services

duq.edu/law/career-services

Duquesne Law offers you career services that address ever-changing needs. Before you even start your studies, you will learn about the comprehensive slate of services offered by our Career Services Office (CSO).

Career Services

Maria D. Comas, L’00
Director
lawcareers@duq.edu
412.396.6559

Career Services for You

• Alumni Mentor Programs
• Resume Reviews
• Mock Interviews
• On-Campus Recruiting
• DuqLawConnect Employment Portal
• Lawyers on Location
• Judicial Clerkship Presentations
• Practice-Area Events
• Solo and Small-Firm Seminars
• Alternative Career Workshops

Most programs are held noon-1 p.m. or 5-6 p.m., and are scheduled throughout the year.

Class of 2020 Employment Categories*

*All employment statistics are 10 months after graduation as reported to the ABA. This document does not include the complete data the School of Law is required to disclose under ABA Standard 509. The complete data can be found online at duq.edu/law/career-services.
Congressional Record 2021

To: Honorable [Name]

From: [Your Name]

Subject: [Your Subject]
Undergraduate Institution: Temple University

What advice would you give to incoming law students?
The most important advice I can give to incoming law students is believe in yourself. Law school is not easy but it is not impossible. Whenever you get stressed out, take a breath and remember that you are here for a reason.

Why did you choose Duquesne Law?
I chose Duquesne because when I attended Admitted Students Day I felt at home. Coming from a large undergraduate university, student-faculty ratios were a big influence on my decision. Duquesne’s faculty and staff make an effort to get to know each student and make school a welcoming close-knit community.

Which law student organizations or publications are you a part of? I am Executive Editor of the Duquesne Law Review Vol. 60, a member of the Appellate Moot Court Board, and am a teaching assistant for Legal Research & Writing.

What might people be surprised to know about you? I am the first in my family to graduate college and the first to go to grad/law school.

Meet Madison Maguire

What are your favorite law school class and professor?
My favorite classes include Legal Research & Writing, Family Law, and Advanced Legal Writing: Legal Drafting. Professor Levine is my favorite because his ‘tough love’ approach helped make my work the best it could be. I still apply his valuable advice and critiques while writing and will forever continue to do so.

Student Organizations

- American Bar Association/Law Student Division
- American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
- Animal Law Society
- Black Law Students Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Corporate Law Society
- Criminal Law Association
- Duquesne Intellectual Property Law Association
- Duquesne Italian-American Law Society
- Education Law and Policy Society
- Election Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- Family Law Society
- Federalist Society
- First Generation Society
- Health Law Society
- Hispanic American Bar Association
- International & Immigration Law Society

- Jewish Law Students Association
- Labor & Employment Law Society
- Lambda Law Society
- Military Law Society
- Older and Wiser Law Students
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Public Interest Law Association
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Student Bar Association
- Women’s Law Association

Pursue your passions with Duquesne Law’s many student organizations and publications.
Why did you choose Duquesne Law?
I chose Duquesne Law because everyone was so welcoming and willing to help! It was really important for me to go to a law school where I felt like I belonged and would be supported, and I feel that here at Duquesne.

What are your favorite law school class and professor?
My favorite law school class was Torts. I enjoyed reading the cases because they were interesting to me, and I got to learn about concepts that I had heard of prior to law school but never truly understood. I had Professor Kravetz for Torts and he was an amazing professor! I would go to his office hours whenever I had any questions, and he was always very helpful.

Which law student organizations or publications are you a part of?
I am Secretary of the Black Law Student Association and a Law School Ambassador.

What work experiences have you had?
My 1L summer I worked at UPMC as a Legal Intern. Next summer, I will be working as a Summer Associate at Dickie McCamey & Chilcote.

What are your practice-areas of interest?
Currently, I am interested in family law, juvenile law, or labor and employment law.

Undergraduate Institution: University of Maryland

What advice would you give to incoming law students?
I would recommend creating a schedule and really trying your best to stick to it. This schedule should include time to read/prepare for classes, studying/outlining, meeting with professors, clubs/organization meetings, and most importantly there should be time for yourself built into your schedule.

Meet Fallon Howard

Trial Advocacy Program
Duquesne Law offers a nationally recognized Trial Advocacy Program to upper-level students. Through comprehensive coursework and competition experience, students participate to develop skills in case analysis, trial preparation, effective communication, witness preparation, and case presentation.

Appellate Moot Court Board
Students participate in the Appellate Advocacy Program to develop new legal research, writing, and advocacy skills and to compete in appellate moot court, arbitration, and negotiation competitions across the country. The student-run Appellate Moot Court Board directs the program under the supervision of adjunct faculty and alumni coaches.

Student Ambassadors
The Student Ambassador Program promotes Duquesne Law and supports Office of Admissions events throughout the academic year. Ambassadors assist with information sessions, admitted student events, and tours. Students interested in becoming Ambassadors should contact the Office of Admissions at lawadmissions@duq.edu.

Student Publications
The Duquesne Law Review is the flagship journal of Duquesne Law. The scholarly journal is entirely student-run and publishes works by legal professionals and academics twice a year. Membership can be obtained by participating in the annual write-on competition upon completion of the first year of full-time studies or second year of part-time studies. Membership is awarded based upon students’ class ranking and performance in the write-on competition.

The Duquesne Business Law Journal focuses on topics that affect the world of business, evolving Supreme Court case law, and influential persons in the business community. Students, faculty, alumni, and practicing attorneys submit articles for consideration on issues involving securities, contracts, and international business.

Joule: Duquesne Energy and Environmental Law Journal serves as a forum for students and professionals to discuss legal concepts related to energy and environmental law. Joule features a collection of commentaries and blogs as well as full-length articles offering in-depth analysis.

Juris publishes articles on substantive areas of the law and issues of local and national interest. Students strengthen their writing, editing, and production skills by working on the magazine and blog.

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Undergraduate Institution: Duquesne University

What advice would you give to incoming law students? I would advise incoming law students to embrace the time that they get with professors, fellow students, and in any club or organization they might join because I know that this year that is making all the difference for me. It was definitely hard to adjust to law school being online for a year and a half, and I know that I am incredibly grateful that I can spend my 3L year in person. I would advise new students to not take that for granted because an in-person law school experience is truly filled with wonderful opportunities!

Which law student organizations or publications are you a part of? Currently, I am a member of Christian Legal Society, the Student Bar Association, Duquesne Law Ambassadors, and Joule: the Duquesne Energy and Environmental Law Journal.

What work experiences have you had during law school? During law school, I have been able to intern for both The Honorable Judge Lazarra on the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas and The Honorable Judge Ranjan on the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. I have also worked as a research assistant at Duquesne Law, and I was able to intern at the Allegheny County Office of the Public Defender. My career goal is to work as a government lawyer with a focus in criminal law.

Meet Allison McKenzie

Why did you choose Duquesne? Since my freshman year of undergrad at Duquesne, I had a goal of completing the 3-3 program. When it came time to officially decide if I was going to apply to law school during my junior year, there was no question in my mind. Duquesne has become a second home for me over these past six years.

Student Health Insurance

Duquesne University is concerned about the health and well-being of our students and understands the importance of acquiring adequate health insurance. Therefore, the University has a Hard Waiver Policy for student health insurance.

All full-time graduate, undergraduate, and international students are required to log-in to the student health insurance portal to either select medical insurance or provide verifiable proof of coverage. If you do not log-in to provide the required information, you will automatically be enrolled in the basic Student Health Insurance plan and your student account will be billed for the cost in two installments. The University partners with QM to provide excellent and affordable health insurance.

If you are covered by another insurance policy, you must first have the policy reviewed by the healthcare advocates at QM to determine if it is acceptable for the waiver.

To enroll or waive insurance coverage, log-in to QM® after you are registered for classes. The School of Law Registrar will notify you when you have been officially registered for classes.

More Information

For more information on student insurance, or if you have any questions, contact QM Services at 1. 800.273.1715.

Immunizations

All students are required to provide proof of immunizations prior to enrolling in the School of Law.

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Undergraduate Institution: Grove City College

Why did you choose Duquesne Law?

“I am a Pittsburgh native and my father is a Duquesne Law alumnus. I also think the physical place where you study is important and Duquesne’s campus is beautifully situated on the bluff while still being within walking distance to the courthouses and law firms in the city.”

What is your favorite law school class?

“My favorite classes have been my writing classes. Learning legal writing is like learning a new language, and figuring out how to put all the pieces together—rhetoric, style, audience, organization, word choice, grammar—to make a compelling argument is exhilarating!”

What work experiences have you had?

“I spent last summer working for the Fairness Center, located across from the PA Capital building in Harrisburg, PA, which is a non-profit public interest law firm specializing in cases involving public sector union members. I was responsible for researching law, drafting pleadings, and assisting in litigation at the federal level, state level, and in quasi-judicial administrative agencies across multiple jurisdictions. I wrote the first draft of an amicus brief that we just filed with the United States Supreme Court this past September.

I have also worked for a regional law firm and a sole practitioner, both in Pittsburgh.

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