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Congratulations on your Admission to Akron Law!

With all of the exciting things going on at Akron Law, we once again experienced a significant increase in our enrollment in 2016. We expect to see a tremendous increase this year as well. We are pleased to offer you admission to our Spring 2017 entering class at The University of Akron School of Law. What an outstanding accomplishment! You are about to embark on one of the most exciting and challenging journeys of your life. This is a big step into your future life as a lawyer and our goal is to make the transition into law school as smooth as possible.

This admission binder provides a great deal of information about Akron Law and we hope that it answers many of your questions. **Please be sure to read the entire binder carefully**, as it contains answers to the most common questions asked by admitted law students.

If you have any other questions or if there is anything that we can do to assist you, please contact us at lawadmissions@uakron.edu or **800.425.7668**. We look forward to working with you!

Five Reasons You Should Choose Akron Law:

1. Akron Law is a Tier One Law School with full-time tuition around \$25,000, and part-time tuition around \$15,000 for both in-state and out-of-state students.
2. **Guaranteed Scholarships** -- the scholarship that you receive from Akron Law is yours to keep so long as you are not academically dismissed.
3. Exceptional bar passage rates. Akron Law bar pass rates consistently exceed the state average.
4. Exceptional job placement rates. Over 90% of Akron Law graduates are employed within 9 months of graduation.
5. Akron Law offers incredible flexibility. You can earn your law degree at your own pace.



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Visit Us

Visiting in person is the best way to experience Akron Law. We offer a variety of events designed to help you do just that. From day long open houses, to admissions programs at local law firms, and individual visits, opportunities abound for you to get a look inside what it means to be a student at Akron Law. We welcome you to sit in on classes, meet with our faculty and current students, and spend the day learning how you can distinguish yourself at Akron Law.

For an up-to-date listing of admissions events and to register for these events, please visit <http://www.uakron.edu/law/about-us/visit.dot>.

If you would like to set up an individual visit, please contact Emma Franklin, **Assistant Director of Admissions** at 330.972.6364 or efranklin@uakron.edu. We can arrange for a tour of the law school and for you to sit in on a class. You can also meet with some of our faculty and current students and sit down with a member of our Admissions team to answer any questions you may have.

Facebook Groups

The School of Law Admissions Office manages two Facebook groups to facilitate communication among entering students, and to help both entering and returning students find roommates. Both groups are closed, so you must click the "Join Group" button at each group's homepage and wait for approval before posting or viewing content.

Here are the addresses:

Spring 2017 Entering Class: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/305761319803723/>

Roommate Connection: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AkronLawRoommates/>



Travel Assistance

The Akron Law Admissions Office can provide assistance with travel expenses to admitted applicants who travel to Akron from **at least 100 miles away**. This trip may be in conjunction with an individual visit or attendance at an open house or other organized School of Law event.

Here are the guidelines and restrictions pertaining to this travel assistance:

- Travel assistance is limited to **\$100** for Ohio residents and **\$200** for students traveling from outside Ohio.
- Funds are **limited** and are available on a **first-come, first-served** basis. If you wish to take advantage of this program, you must contact the Admissions Office in advance to set up a date for your visit to ensure travel assistance funds will be set aside for you.
- Financial assistance is available for **one visit only**, even if the maximum assistance is not used. Reimbursable expenses include the following:
 - Hotel expenses (limited to a maximum of **one night at a hotel** within 20 miles of The University of Akron)
 - Airfare (destination **MUST** be Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport or the Akron-Canton Regional Airport)
 - Bus or rail fare (destination **MUST** be in the Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Youngstown area)
 - Ground transportation (e.g., taxi or shuttle bus) **or** rental vehicle and fuel (limited to a maximum of **one day** and not more than **\$40 per day**)
 - Mileage accumulated on a personal vehicle (current reimbursement rate is 54 cents per mile; you will only be reimbursed for the direct route between your address and Akron Law - **side trips will not be covered**)
 - Tolls and Parking expenses
- The following **ARE NOT reimbursable** expenses:
 - Air, bus, or rail fare for a guest (guests travel at their own expense)
 - Extra hotel room expenses for a guest (again, guests travel at their own expense)
 - Dining or other food expenses
- Here's how to get reimbursed after your visit:
 - After your visit, e-mail, fax, or mail relevant receipts to the Admissions Office.
 - Hotel receipts must be "zero balance" - that is, they must indicate that you paid your bill in full upon checkout - or indicate that the hotel room was pre-paid.
 - If you plan to claim a reimbursement for mileage on a personal vehicle, include a note with your receipts that lists your **starting address** and the total **round-trip mileage**.
 - Other than mileage, the University **cannot** reimburse for expenses that are not supported by receipts, so **please save all of your receipts**.
 - You must submit your reimbursement request **within two weeks of your visit** in order for you to receive reimbursement. **We reserve the right not to honor reimbursement requests that are submitted late.**
 - The University will mail you a check approximately 3 weeks after all of your travel expense documentation is received.



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Contact Us – The Akron Law Admissions Team

Barbara C. Weinzierl, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Strategic Initiatives
 Nolan T. James, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid
 Emma Franklin, Assistant Director of Admissions
 Terri Bisesi, College Program Specialist, Admissions Office

If there is anything that we may do to assist you, please feel free to reach out to us!

Regular Mailing Address

The University of Akron School of Law
 Attn: Nolan James
 Akron, OH 44325-2901
Fax: 330.258.2343

Express Shipping/GPS Address

The University of Akron School of Law
 Attn: Nolan James
 150 University Avenue
 Akron, OH 44325-2901

If you have a question about...	...please contact:
Personal visits, general inquiries, scholarships, enrollment, scheduling, J.D./LL.M. program	Emma Franklin Assistant Director of Admissions efranklin@uakron.edu 330.972.6364
General inquiries, address/email address/phone number updates, transcripts, other application documents	Terri Bisesi College Program Specialist tbisesi@uakron.edu 330.972.5245
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Installment Payment Plan, billing and payment, financial aid disbursement	330.972.5100 cashier@uakron.edu
My Akron or your UANet ID	330.972.6888 supportdesk@uakron.edu
Ohio Residency	330.972.8638 OhioResidency@uakron.edu
Military Services Center	330.972.7838 veterans@uakron.edu
Parking	330.972.7213 parking@uakron.edu
On-Campus Housing	330.972.7800 reslife@uakron.edu
Off-Campus Housing	330.972.5500 ocss@uakron.edu
Student Health Insurance	330.972.7808 pasbury@uakron.edu
Accessibility and Accommodations	330.972.7928 access@uakron.edu
Psychological Counseling	330.972.7082 uakron.edu/counseling/counseling-and-psychotherapy
Joint Degree Programs	
J.D./M.B.A., J.D./M.Tax, or J.D./M.S.A.	Myra Weakland Assistant Director, Graduate Programs in Business mweakland@uakron.edu 330.972.7043
J.D./M.A.P. or J.D. M.P.A.	Dr. Nancy Marion Director of Graduate Studies nmarion@uakron.edu 330.972.5551



Checklist

This checklist is designed to help you keep track of tasks that you must complete prior to the start of law school in January, as well as the tasks you have already completed.

Due Date	Date Completed	Task
ASAP	_____	Get UANet ID and password (Call 330.972.6888 for help)
See Admission Letter	_____	Pay seat deposit (\$350) at www.uakron.edu/law/seatDeposit
After 10/1/2016	_____	Complete the FAFSA at http://fafsa.ed.gov (School code: 003123)
Fall 2016	_____	Apply for Grad PLUS loans (if necessary – see uakron.edu/finaid)
Fall 2016	_____	Apply for Alternative loans (if necessary – see uakron.edu/finaid)
Fall 2016	_____	Visit My Akron (https://my.uakron.edu) to accept your financial aid
Fall 2016	_____	Men ages 18-26: Email selective service number to ssc@uakron.edu
Fall 2016	_____	Find a place to live
After you find a place to live	_____	Update the Admissions Office with your new mailing address
12/1/2016	_____	Request one* official transcript from every college/university attended
12/14/2016	_____	Go to ZipCard office to get student ID made
December, 2016	_____	Register for direct deposit in My Akron
December, 2016	_____	Request a parking permit in My Akron
December, 2016	_____	Enroll in student health insurance coverage (if necessary)

* **Transcripts must be RECEIVED in the admissions office by January 4, 2017.** We require one **official** transcript from every college or university you have ever attended, even as a visiting student or as part of a postsecondary enrollment program.

Official transcript means:

- 1) a paper or electronic transcript certified by the issuing institution and delivered directly to the law school; or
- 2) a paper or electronic transcript verified by a third-party Credential assembly service and delivered directly to the law school.

The transcript from the school that granted your first bachelor's degree **must** be a physical transcript. Electronic or physical transcripts from other schools are acceptable. All physical transcripts must be provided in envelopes that are **sealed** and **signed/stamped** by the registrar's/records office – transcripts that are not provided in sealed, signed/stamped envelopes or that are marked "Issued to Student" **will not be accepted**. All transcripts must bear the signature/stamp and seal of the registrar's office, and the transcript from ANY degree-granting institution must show the title and date of the degree conferred. If one of your degrees is scheduled to post **after** January 19, 2017, **you must get a letter from your department chair or other appropriate official indicating that all work toward the degree is scheduled to be completed prior to January 19, 2017** and then request transcripts to be sent to us after the degree is posted. **Please note that the transcripts you submitted to the Law School Admission Council when you applied to law school DO NOT fulfill this requirement.**

Send physical transcripts to: The University of Akron School of Law ATTN: Barbara Weinzierl Akron, OH 44325-2901	Send electronic transcripts to: Lawadmissions @uakron.edu
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Registration and Orientation

Registration for Spring 2017

Below is a sample first year course schedule. The schedule below is only a sample, actual classes are subject to change. Note that for part-time students, summer attendance is not required, but is **strongly recommended**.

Full-Time	Part-Time
Spring Semester (12 credits)	Spring Semester (7 credits)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Procedure II (3 credits) • Property (4 credits) • Legislation and Regulation (2 credits) • Criminal Law (3 credits) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracts (4 credits) • Civil Procedure II (3 credits)
Summer Semester	Summer Semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May take bar tested electives or upper level required courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May take bar tested electives or upper level required courses
Fall Semester (14 credits)	Fall Semester (10 credits)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Procedure I (3 credits) • Contracts (4 credits) • LARW I (3 credits) • Torts (4 credits) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Procedure I (3 credits) • LARW I (3 credits) • Torts (4 credits)

Orientation

All entering students are **required** to participate in an orientation program at the School of Law prior to the start of classes. The following is a brief summary of your orientation schedule.

Thursday, January 12, 2017	Time TBD
Friday, January 13, 2017	Time TBD
Saturday, January 14, 2017	Time TBD



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Additional details about orientation, including where to arrive, deadlines for pre-orientation assignments, and information on the Academic Success Workshop Series that will be available to you online, will come to you by email from Assistant Dean for Student Services, Brian Fuller.

Student Employment Policy

The faculty believes that the study of law is a full-time pursuit. Consequently, The University of Akron School of Law sets forth the following employment rules for full-time students.

First-Year, Full-Time Students:

The law school **strongly encourages first-year, full-time students not to work**. Students who nonetheless choose to work are prohibited from **working more than 20 hours per week in any semester**. In addition, a first-year, full-time student must meet with the Dean or his/her designee before commencing in order to discuss the consequences such employment may have on the student's academic performance.

Second- and Third-Year, Full-Time Students:

The law school permits second and third-year, full-time students to work, but **strongly discourages working** more than 20 hours per week in any semester.

Policy on Deferral of Admission

The University of Akron School of Law allows admitted applicants to defer their admission for up to one year. Please note that we cannot defer scholarship offers from one year to the next. However, if an applicant is competitive for a scholarship in one application cycle, the chances are good that the applicant will be competitive for a scholarship in a subsequent application cycle.

If you wish to request a deferral, please submit a written request to lawadmissions@uakron.edu explaining the reasoning for the deferral. Once your request is received, the Admissions Committee will review it along with your application file. There are two possible outcomes, as follows:

1. The Admissions Committee may choose to grant your request. In such event, you will need to pay your seat deposit by the deadline required for the subsequent admissions cycle.
2. The Admissions Committee may choose to deny your request. If your request is denied, you may still enroll in the current entering class by paying your seat deposit by the deadline, or reapply for admission at a future date.

On-Campus Housing

For more information about on-campus housing, please contact **Residence Life and Housing (330.972.7800, reslife@uakron.edu, uakron.edu/reslife)**. The University of Akron does not offer on-campus housing for couples or families, nor is there housing designated especially for law students. Law students who live on campus typically request rooms in the Exchange Street Residence Hall. If you are considering living on campus, it is best to start making arrangements as soon as possible, as space in the residence halls is filled quickly.

Off-Campus Housing

The University of Akron is located in the heart of the vibrant downtown Akron community. The urban environment provides a rich learning experience to student-residents. A listing service is offered by Off-Campus Student



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Services (330.972.5500, ocss@uakron.edu, uakron.edu/offcampus) to assist students and employees in locating appropriate housing primarily in the areas around the university community.

This listing service has been created to provide a comprehensive, online link for those interested in living off-campus and landlords who have property options to offer.

The School of Law neither endorses nor represents any apartment community, nor can we provide specific recommendations with regard to landlords, apartment communities, rental properties, or neighborhoods.

Academic Calendar

Spring 2017

Martin Luther King Holiday: Monday, January 16, 2017
First Day of Classes: Tuesday, January 17, 2017
President's Day: LAW CLASSES HELD: Tuesday, February 21, 2017
Spring Break: Monday, March 27 – Sunday, April 2, 2017
Classes Resume: Monday, April 3, 2017
Last Instructional Day: Friday, April 28, 2017
Reading Period: Saturday-Tuesday, April 29-May 2, 2017
Exam Period: Wednesday-Friday, May 3-12, 2017
Law Commencement: TBA

Summer 2017

Intersession I: Sunday-Sunday, May 14-28, 2017

Summer I – 5-week:

Memorial Day Holiday: Monday, May 29, 2017
Summer I 5-week begins: *Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Summer I 5-week ends: Friday, June 30, 2017

*Due to Memorial Day Holiday, Mon/Wed/Fri. classes will meet for the first time on Tuesday, May 30, 2016.

Summer I – 10 week:

Memorial Day Holiday: Monday, May 29, 2017
Independence Day Holiday: Tuesday, July 4, 2017
Summer I 10-week begins: *Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Summer I 10-week ends: (Exams Held) Friday, August 4, 2017

*Due to Memorial Day Holiday, Mon/Wed/Fri. classes will meet for the first time on Tuesday, May 30, 2016.

Summer II – 5-week:

Independence Day Holiday: Tuesday, July 4, 2017
Summer II 5-week begins: Monday, July 3, 2017
Summer II 5-week ends: (Exams Held) Friday, August 4, 2017

Intersession II: Sunday – Sunday, August 6-20, 2017



Fall 2017

Orientation Week: Wednesday – Friday, August 23 – 25, 2017.

First Day of Classes: August 28, 2017.

Academic Calendars are available at <http://www.uakron.edu/law/curriculum/areas/calendar.dot>

Community and Pro Bono Publico Service Requirement –

To provide positive experiences to our law students that will promote their future involvement as practitioners and provide independent educational value (direct knowledge) concerning the plight of persons of limited means and their access to justice, The University of Akron School of Law adopts the following Community and Pro Bono Publico Service Requirement policy, which applies to all entering law students.

Community Service Defined

Community service is broadly defined as any unremunerated service that is performed for the benefit of the public, its institutions, or for non-profit organizations as defined under IRS sections 501(c)(3) & (4). For purposes of this policy remuneration includes, but is not limited to, academic credit, financial compensation, grants, and stipends.

Pro Bono Publico Service Defined

Pro bono publico service is community service (as defined above) that consists of the rendering of law-related service under the supervision of an attorney.

Requirements

J.D. students are required to complete a minimum of 30 community service hours subject to the following additional conditions:

- A minimum of 15 of the 30 community service hours must involve service to persons of limited means or to organizations that are dedicated primarily to serving such persons.
- A minimum of 10 of the 30 community service hours must be in pro bono publico service (as defined above).
- A minimum of 5 of the 10 pro bono publico service hours must involve service to persons of limited means or to organizations that are dedicated primarily to serving such persons.

When a student accumulates hours at a for-credit placement or externship, the hours required to qualify for the credit shall not count toward the community and pro bono publico service requirement. However, any service hours over and above those required to qualify for credit shall count toward the community and pro bono publico service requirement.

When a student receives financial compensation through a fellowship, grant, stipend, or scholarship to support a placement or externship, the hours needed to earn the financial compensation at the prevailing rate shall not count toward the community and pro bono publico service requirement. However, any service hours over and above those required to earn the financial compensation received by the student shall count toward the community and pro bono publico service requirement.

Law students on a leave of absence may accumulate hours to meet the Community and Pro Bono Publico Service requirement. Law students serving a suspension may not accumulate community service or pro bono public hours for purposes of meeting the requirements of this policy.

A list of community and pro bono publico service placements is kept by the Student Community and Pro Bono Publico Service Coordinator. This list will evolve over time. If any student is familiar with an organization or project



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that appears to meet the community or pro bono publico service definitions but is not on the list, that student should convey the information to the Student Community and Pro Bono Publico Service Coordinator for review. If the organization or project meets the criteria, it will be added to the suggested placement list.

It is recommended that no more than 5 community service hours be attempted during the first semester in law school and no more than 10 community service hours during the first year in law school.

The Faculty Director of the Academic Resource Center has the discretion to credit or forgive any number of otherwise required community and pro bono publico service hours for any student who, because of a GPA at or below 2.3, is enrolled in the Academic Success Program. The Faculty Director of the Academic Resource Center shall consider the educational value of community and pro bono publico service and is encouraged to consult with the Student Community and Pro Bono Publico Service Coordinator in making this determination.

Recognition for Additional Community and Pro Bono Publico Service Hours

Students who complete more than the required 30 community and pro bono publico service hours will be recognized as follows:

Exceptional Service Honors: Students who complete 300 community and pro bono publico service hours will receive a notation on their transcripts and in the graduation bulletin acknowledging their "exceptional commitment to community and pro bono publico service" and will receive a community and pro bono publico service cord to wear at graduation.

Community and Pro Bono Publico Service Students of the Year: The Student Community and Pro Bono Publico Service Coordinator will select one full-time and one part-time graduating student to be recognized at graduation as the Community and Pro Bono Publico Service Students of the Year. In selecting the students to receive this honor the Student Community and Pro Bono Publico Service Coordinator shall consider the number of service hours, the quality of work, the positive impact the student has had on the community and other relevant factors.

Alumni and Friends Event Schedule

The Admissions Office and the Office of Alumni and Development at Akron Law are pleased to connect you with alumni in your area. Akron Law alumni and friends are located throughout the country. Please let us know if you would like for us to connect you with an alum in your area.

If you are interested in connecting with alumni in your area, please contact **Nolan James, Director of Admissions**, at ntj4@uakron.edu or 330-972-7334.

Alumni Chapters

Akron Law has launched 16 alumni chapters since 2009. Listed below are the representatives for these chapters. These individuals generously donate their time and talents to help Akron Law alumni in their areas remain connected with Akron Law and with each other. Students and alumni are invited to contact the chapter representatives to learn more about the Akron Law presence in each of the following areas:

Asia: Joe Falso ('06) – joseph.falso@gmail.com

Australia: Ben Balden ('13) – ben.balden@gmail.com

Charlotte: Arris King ('96) - arris.king@bankofamerica.com

Chicago: Stephanie Felicetty ('03) - sjfelicetty@yahoo.com



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Cleveland: Mark Smalley ('94) - markjssmalley@hotmail.com
Columbus: Amanda Bunner ('12) - mandy.bunner@gmail.com
Florida: Charles Ferber ('99) - CTFLawyer@earthlink.net
Las Vegas: Donald Jones ('82) - Don.Jones@unlv.edu
New York/Northern New Jersey: John Wetmore ('12) - jwetmore214@gmail.com
Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey: Colin Beisel ('15) - colinjbeisel@gmail.com
Phoenix: Jessica Dorvinen ('10) - dorvinen@hotmail.com; Rob Iussa ('03) - riussa@iussalaw.com.
Pittsburgh: Kelley Harley ('06) - kellyharley@gmail.com
Southern California: Ruben Ruiz ('97) - ruizlaw@hotmail.com
Washington, D.C./Maryland/Virginia: Tracy Bloom ('93) - Tracy.Bloom@fcc.gov

Bar Exam Clearance and Character and Fitness to Practice Law

The American Bar Association and the Board of Bar Examiners requires all law schools to ensure that their law students have the necessary fitness and character to be lawyers. That is the purpose of the section of the Bar Exam application entitled, "Character, Fitness, and Bar Exam Clearance." If you find that you need to update the information you provided in your application to The University of Akron School of Law, all applicable supporting documentation related to this section of the application may be sent to the Admissions Office via fax, mail, or email to lawadmissions@uakron.edu.

Please re-review the questions printed below from your original application. If an answer has changed or changes affirmatively between now and your graduation from Akron Law, you must provide a written explanation to Assistant Dean for Student Services, Brian Fuller at bfuller@uakron.edu.

You have a duty to be truthful and accurate as well as a duty to reveal **ALL** information even if you do not have complete documentation. You must disclose details of the result of any criminal charges (including juvenile offenses). **Even if the charges were dismissed, adjudication was withheld, a conviction was reversed, a conviction was set aside, a conviction was vacated, a conviction was expunged, or the record sealed, you must provide disclosure. Contrary advice by legal counsel does not exempt you from this requirement.** The charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of drugs, and reckless driving must be disclosed as criminal charges.

Your answers to these questions are confidential and are limited to a determination of your character and fitness to practice law. You are under a **continuing obligation to notify** the Admissions Office of any changes in your answers to these questions up until the time of your enrollment. Once enrolled, you are under a **continuing obligation to notify** the Assistant Dean of Student Services of any changes in your answers to these questions.

1. Were you ever on disciplinary (non-academic) probation; have you ever been charged with, penalized for, or adjudicated guilty of a violation of a college or university honor code; or have you ever been suspended or dismissed from any educational institution?
2. Are there any disciplinary (non-academic) charges from any educational institution pending against you?
3. Regardless of the outcome, have you ever been the subject of disciplinary action for plagiarism at any educational institution?
4. Have you been arrested, formally accused, cited, fined, posted bail, subject to a restraining order, or ordered to do community service for the violation of any law?
5. Are there any criminal charges pending against you?
6. Have you ever been the subject of a court martial hearing, dishonorably discharged from military service, or administratively separated from military service with other than an honorable discharge?
7. Have you ever been involuntarily separated from a job?
8. Have you ever been sued for a non-criminal act that was alleged to have been intentional?
9. Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action by a licensing board or professional association, or had any license denied, suspended, or revoked?



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If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions on the previous page, you must submit a DETAILED statement that includes the following information (please be as SPECIFIC as possible):

1. Date of incident and your age at the time of the incident
2. Parties involved
3. Description of incident
4. Result (expunged, dismissed, probation, arrest, incarceration, etc.)
5. Degree of misdemeanor or felony and code section (Ohio Revised Code or other state or city code involved)
6. Photocopy of official court documentation, if applicable
7. Information related to post-sentence events (pardon, etc.)

Vague statements are NOT acceptable. Failure to fully disclose may result in dismissal from the School of Law.

Moving and Nonmoving Traffic Violations

1. Have you ever been cited or fined for any moving or nonmoving violations (e.g., speeding tickets, traffic accidents, parking tickets, etc.).
2. Were any drug or alcohol-related?
3. Did any result in the suspension of your driver's license?
4. Did you ever FAIL TO PAY any of the resultant fines or ever FAIL TO FULFILL any of the requirements that arose from these violations?

If you answered **YES to QUESTION 1 ONLY**, please submit a statement summarizing minor moving and nonmoving violations. For example, "I have been driving for XX years and have received approximately X parking tickets and X speeding tickets. None of these were drug or alcohol related, nor did any result in the suspension of my driver's license. All of these incidents resulted in minor fines, all of which were paid promptly."

If you answered **YES to QUESTION 1 AND ONE OR MORE OTHERS**, please provide **detailed statements** describing each incident that would require you to answer "yes" to these questions. Structure your statements according to the seven points enumerated at the top of this page.

Continuing Duty to Inform

Remember that – as stated on the law school application – candidates have a **continuing duty to inform** the School of Law if at any time between the submission of the law school application and graduation from law school **they are able to answer "Yes"** to any of the Bar Exam Clearance Requirement questions. The duty to inform statement from the admission application is reprinted below.

*I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information herein is true. I understand that any misrepresentation of facts on this application could be cause for refusal of admission, cancellation of admission, or suspension or dismissal from the University if discovered subsequently. I **acknowledge that I have a continuing duty to inform the School of Law as to any relevant information or change in circumstances that relates to any of these questions of which I became aware after the date of my signature below.** In accordance with 20 U.S.C. Section 1232 (g), et. seq., of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1973, I hereby authorize each school or college that I have attended, and the officers and faculty thereof, to make available all my educational records and personally identifiable information contained herein concerning me to the officers and faculty of The University of Akron School of Law.*

After enrollment, statements concerning Bar Exam Clearance Requirements may be directed to Assistant Dean Brian Fuller, at bfuller@uakron.edu or 330.972.2682.

Fiscal Responsibility

While we do not collect financial information, please be mindful that fiscal responsibility is an important component in many jurisdictions with respect to Character and Fitness for Bar Admissions.



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Character, Fitness, and Bar Admission

The information described above is considered by the Supreme Court of Ohio or other state Supreme Court in determining whether a candidate will be permitted to sit for the Ohio (or other state) bar examination. Such matters are not within the jurisdiction of this law school or any other law school. In Ohio, for example, the board of commissioners on character and fitness and/or the Supreme Court in the state(s) in which the candidate wishes to practice law will determine the candidate's eligibility to sit for the bar exam. We recommend that candidates contact the board of bar examiners of the state(s) in which they plan to practice to learn whether or not such information as disclosed in accordance with the guidelines above may prevent you from becoming a licensed attorney.

Akron Law's Academic Success Program (ASP)

You may have heard that learning in law school is unlike learning in nearly any other field. From your first day, you will interact with the law as a lawyer would. Most incoming law students are surprised by the amount and type of reading required, the method of classroom instruction, and the fact that a single final exam often determines a student's entire grade.

While these differences may seem enormous, they can be managed! Our mission in ASP is to maximize your achievement by developing your critical and analytic thinking skills as a lawyer would and to devise study methods that help you thrive. In short, ASP is here to help you fulfill your academic potential.

The Office of Academic Success develops and coordinates the Academic Success Programs. **Nancy Reeves**, Director of Academic Success Programs (330.972.6809, nlr22@uakron.edu) specializes in our bar preparation program. **Christopher Crull**, Assistant Director of Academic Success Programs (330.972.7262, cac170@uakron.edu), bridges both the first-year programs and the bar preparation program. Please contact any member of the ASP team with any questions you have about maximizing your academic success.

Group Study Sessions

ASP Group Study Sessions are geared to assist you with making your study time as efficient and effective as possible. Our Group Study Sessions provide practice with fundamental skills such as case briefing, outlining, and exam writing within the context of each of your first-year doctrinal subjects. Our ASP Fellows will lead you through activities designed around your specific professors and courses.

Workshops

Before you begin law school, ASP offers the Summer Workshop Series, 15 hours of workshops designed to prepare you to succeed before you ever enter the classroom. ASP then continues that effort by offering workshops throughout the semester and even after you graduate that are timed to coordinate with when you most need a particular skill. We offer workshops on a variety of topics, including essay exams, outlining, exam preparation, and taking the bar exam.

Individual Consultations

We are happy to meet with you personally to assess your individual learning needs and to develop customized study strategies. We also provide unlimited feedback on essay answers and outlining, both for your time as a student and for your bar exam preparation efforts

Study Materials

The ASP Resource Library (temporarily located on the third floor of Central Hower High School) has a large collection of supplemental study materials (such as hornbooks, sample outlines, flashcards, and practice questions), all of which may be used either in the library or checked out. Many of these same resources are also available to you online 24x7. Please let us know if you have any questions about how or when to use a particular resource.



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Ohio Bar Exam Results

Ohio Bar Exam results, 2012-2016

Akron Law's first-time taker pass rate on the Ohio bar exam has **exceeded the statewide first-time taker pass rate on six out of the last eight exams.**

Akron Law's five-year average pass rate in Ohio is 83 percent for first-time takers, exceeding the statewide average of 82 percent. Akron Law graduates have also performed well on the bar exam in other states. Detailed bar exam passage statistics may be found on the bar admissions web page at The Supreme Court of Ohio (or other state supreme courts).

Akron Law supports its graduates' bar exam preparation in Ohio and other states. For example, our bar exam takers will receive up to a maximum of \$2,250 of the final cost of their commercial bar exam preparation course. In addition, Akron Law offers a three-credit bar exam preparation elective course, and sends representatives to the bar exam to support our students each February and July.

Source: [Ohio Bar Exam results from the Ohio Supreme Court website](#)



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Exam	First-time takers	All takers
July 2016	78.9% (60/76)	74.4% (64/86)
February 2016	54.2% (13/24)	61.4% (27/44)
July 2015	83.9% (73/87)	80.6% (79/98)
February 2015	83.3% (20/24)	70.0% (28/40)
July 2014	84.0% (63/75)	76.7% (66/86)
February 2014	85.3% (29/34)	77.1% (37/48)
July 2013	85.4% (82/96)	83.0% (83/100)
February 2013	91.4% (32/35)	85.4% (41/48)
July 2012	84.6% (77/91)	81.6% (80/98)
February 2012	80% (12/15)	70.8% (17/24)
July 2011	89.3% (67/75)	86.4% (70/81)
Feb 2011	100% (16/16)	80.7% (21/26)

Computers and Technical Support

The University of Akron has a campus-wide wireless network to which students may connect laptop computers and mobile devices. Note that laptop computers are not required, but most students own laptops and actively use them in and out of class.

The purchase price for a laptop can be incorporated in the financial aid loan packages for those securing loans through the Student Financial Aid Office. In order to increase your loan budget, take your purchase receipt to the Student Financial Aid Office and inquire with a representative about increasing your budget.

Technical support questions may be directed to **Eli Eubanks**, the Director of Technology for the School of Law, at **epe2@uakron.edu**. If you are buying a personal computer to aid in your studies, see below for software recommendations.

Operating Systems (At least one of the following)

- Windows 7 or newer
- OSX 10.7 or newer

Office Software

- Office 2010 or newer



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Law Library

The law library is temporarily located on the third floor of the Central Hower building. You can check out your case book and CD and MP3 study aids in Room 322, get help with your research and use the library's print mini collection. There is additional study space in Room 309 of Central Hower.

The best source of information about the Law Library, including current library hours and links to all our service information discussed below, is our web site: uakron.edu/law/about-us/law-library.dot.

Hours. During the semester, the Law Library is open from 8 am to 10:30 pm Monday through Thursday, 8am to 6pm on Friday, 9 am to 6 pm on Saturday, and 1 pm to 10:30 pm on Sunday. During exam and reading period our hours are extended. On Mondays and Thursdays, we provide free coffee for law students.

Online Library Guides. We have a series of online guides to materials you can use to supplement your course work. These guides cover all first year courses, all bar courses, and elective courses.

Reserve Materials. We keep one or more copies of all casebooks on reserve, as well as laptop computers and audio materials for course review.

Online Research. The Law Library, the University Libraries, and OhioLINK have an extensive collection of subscription databases for student use. The chief databases are Lexis, Westlaw, and Bloomberg Law but law students also extensively use Hein Online and LexisNexis Courtroom Cast, as well. Virtually all of the databases we offer can be accessed from home.

CALI Exercises. We also have computer based exercises from CALI which go along with many of the specific subjects you will study.

Library Resources. The Library offers group study rooms, three computer printers, a number of desktop computers, a photocopier/scanner, and other equipment. Each student receives 75 free prints per semester for use on the Library printers. Additional copying and printing costs 5 cents per page. There is no charge for printing to the Lexis standalone printer. The IT support staff can help students set up wireless printing to Library printers from their personal laptops. Sample exams are housed in Springboard, the University of Akron's course management system. In addition, the Library offers West online study aids for class and examination preparation.

OhioLink. Through OhioLINK and interlibrary loan you can request materials we do not have in print or electronically. Consult with our three librarians and the circulation staff before requesting materials because frequently we have electronic materials available.

Student Health Services and Insurance

Enrolled students are eligible to receive health care on campus. Visits to the department are by appointment only and a \$15 visit fee will be due at the time of your appointment. Additional charges may apply for medications and other diagnostic procedures.

Available services include the following:

- General Primary Health Care
- Evaluation and treatment of uncomplicated illness and injury
- Immunizations / Tuberculin skin testing
- Academically required physical examinations
- Referral assistance for health concerns beyond the scope of the department
- Well Women's Clinic
- Annual women's wellness exams including cervical cancer screening and testing for sexually transmitted infections



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- Information and education about healthy and safe lifestyle practices and contraceptive options
- Evaluation of sports injuries

UA Student Health Services works closely with local health officials to monitor for potential threats to campus health.

To schedule an appointment, call 330.972.7808 or email pasbury@uakron.edu.

Student Health Insurance

All registered students taking six or more credit hours, doctoral students, and other special academic program students are eligible to enroll in a student health insurance plan offered by SEBT through Leonard Insurance Services on behalf of the University.

International Students

All registered international students taking credit hours are required to purchase this insurance plan unless proof of comparable coverage, as defined by The University of Akron is furnished.

Coverage for Dependents

Eligible students who do enroll may also insure their dependents. Eligible dependents are the spouse and unmarried children under 19 years of age or under 23 years, if a full-time dependent student at an accredited institution of higher learning.

Details About Coverage

For more information regarding plan premiums, details of coverage, limitations, etc. please see www.leonardinsurance.com.

Accessibility and Accommodations

Any student who has a disability that currently substantially limits learning in a higher education setting may contact **The University of Akron Office of Accessibility** (330.972.7928 (voice) or 330.972.5764 (TDD), access@uakron.edu, uakron.edu/access) for information regarding eligibility for reasonable accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to provide appropriate documentation of the disability according to the guidelines established by the Office of Accessibility. Please contact the Office of Accessibility directly to obtain a copy of the Disability Documentation Guidelines if you plan to request accommodations.

After your documentation has been reviewed by a disability specialist from their office, you will be asked to meet with one of them to discuss your eligibility status and appropriate accommodations if applicable. Once this process is completed, you will receive a letter describing your accommodations that you may present to the Law School.

If you have any questions about accommodations for disabilities, please contact **Misty Franklin**, Assistant Director of Student Services (misty@uakron.edu, 330.972.6456) or the Office of Accessibility.



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Parking

The University of Akron is an urban university, and roughly 80 percent of enrolled students commute to class, which means that parking can be somewhat challenging at times. Students who arrive on campus before 8 am or in the late afternoon (for evening classes, for example) generally do not have problems with parking. The School of Law is located on the west end of campus near numerous parking lots and decks, so most law students will have a walk of two blocks or fewer from their cars to their classes.

Parking Services operates a shuttle service, the Roo Express, which serves the entire campus and several points in downtown Akron to make it easier for students who park on the edges of campus to reach the campus core.

All students are charged a Transportation Fee whether or not they park on campus. The Transportation Fee covers maintenance of parking lots and structures, administration of Parking Services, and costs associated with the Roo Express.

All students are responsible for requesting their own parking permits. Once your tuition and fees have been paid, you may request your parking permit online using My Akron (<https://my.uakron.edu>), or you may do so in person at the parking office, which is located on the first floor of the North Campus Parking Deck on Buchtel Avenue right next to Simmons Hall (please visit www.uakron.edu and click on "Maps" (near the bottom) for campus maps).

Students who do not live in University Housing receive "C" permits, which can be used in parking lots and structures designated "C" or "All Permit;" most of The University of Akron's parking lots and structures are "All Permit." Contact Parking Services at 330.972.7213 or parking@uakron.edu for updated parking information.

For parking maps and for more information on how parking works at The University of Akron, please see uakron.edu/parking.

Zip Cards

Zip Cards (The University of Akron student ID cards) are produced in the ZIP Card Offices on the first floor of the Honors Complex, the first floor of Simmons Hall, and the third floor of the Polsky Building (right next to the bookstore). Simply present your schedule or admission letter and a photo identification card, and an employee will take your picture and produce your Zip Card on the spot. Office hours vary throughout the summer term. Please call the Zip Card office at 330.972.5637 or visit uakron.edu/zipcard for current hours.

Note that your Zip Card acts as a debit card - you can use it to pay for vending machine items, copying fees, printing fees, and for purchases at restaurants and other vendors on and off campus. Manage your account online and view a list of participating vendors at uakron.edu/zipcard.

My Akron

My Akron (<https://my.uakron.edu>) is your online gateway to the University of Akron's student information system. You will use My Akron for the following important tasks, including others not listed here:

- Accepting your financial aid
- Registering for classes
- Checking your University of Akron email account
- Paying your tuition bill



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To access My Akron, you will need your **UANet ID** and password, which you can get by calling **ZipSupport** at **330.972.6888**. It is important that you set up your UANet ID and access My Akron as soon as possible.

Books and First-Day Reading Assignments

The Office of Student Services will send you a list of textbooks required for first-year courses will be emailed in December to students who have paid their seat deposits. A first year law student can expect to pay approximately \$2,000 for books for the entire first year.

Note that your list of books will be accompanied by reading assignments that you will be expected to have completed by the first day of class, so it is important that you purchase your books at least two weeks prior to the start of the spring semester. Since your financial aid money will not be available until approximately ten days prior to the start of the semester, plan to use cash or personal credit to purchase your books. You will be able to “reimburse yourself” when your financial aid is disbursed.

Bookstore

The University of Akron Bookstore located in the Polsky Building carries law textbooks:

**The University of Akron Bookstore –
Polsky Building**
Polsky Building, 3rd Floor
225 S. Main Street
Akron, Ohio 44325-6010

Phone: 330.972.7624
<http://uakron-polsky.bkstore.com>

If you choose to purchase your books through an online retailer, **please be extremely careful**. Be sure that you are purchasing the correct edition, and check with the vendor regarding return policies before purchasing.

Career Services

The University of Akron School of Law offers a powerful blend of theoretical and practical legal education, designed to prepare our students for their careers in the twenty-first century. Through our Career Services Office and our extensive network of alumni, friends and employers, we provide our students with employment opportunities and guidance.

An Akron Law education is just the start of our students' legal career. Many are planning to join a large law firm upon graduation; some plan for a small, boutique firm; and others public interest law or government work. Others are interested in a non-legal career in which sound legal skills are critical. Regardless of your career plans, the Career Services Office at Akron Law School prepares students for performing a successful job search in today's competitive legal job market. From the day that students join our law school family - and throughout your professional career - the Career Services Office works with you to develop effective job search skills and provide job leads. Our services are available to all students and alumni, whether seeking summer legal employment during law school, a part-time position during the school year, or a full-time job after graduation.



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Akron Law graduates are practicing law in nearly every state with large numbers in all major metropolitan areas. Northeast Ohio is one of the country's largest and most sophisticated job markets (according to NALP, Ohio is the ninth largest legal job market). Many Akron Law graduates find the competitive salaries offered by local employers, along with the extremely affordable cost of living, make this region an excellent post-graduation opportunity. But graduates who wish to seek opportunities in other legal markets benefit tremendously from the strong reputation of Akron Law and an international network of fellow alumni, employers and friends eager to assist Akron Law graduates.

Questions? Contact Alisa Benedict O'Brien, Assistant Dean for Career Services, at ab139@uakron.edu or 330.972.8540.

The Office of Career Services is dedicated to meeting the career planning needs of our students and alumni and the recruiting and hiring needs of employers across the country. We achieve this through individualized self-assessment, identifying appropriate legal career options, providing training in job search skills and offering many sources of employment opportunities for our students and graduates. We also help employers nationwide, ranging from large law firms to public interest organizations and government agencies, hire the students who best fit their needs. The Office of Career Services is staffed by professionals with many years of career planning experience. We have one common goal: to help our students and alumni fulfill their career objectives and to assist employers in meeting all their hiring needs. We achieve this goal through a comprehensive menu of services. The services we offer include:

Career Services Handbook. The handbook contains comprehensive information about career options, resume and cover letter drafting, and interview techniques. Each student receives a copy of the guide during First-Year Orientation.

One-on-One Career Counseling. Alisa Benedict O'Brien, the Assistant Dean for Career Services, is available for individual appointments to discuss your job search strategy as well as other aspects of your job search, including, but not limited to, resume and cover letter preparation, job application procedures, market and employer information, practice area and career options exploration, interview preparation, and personal professional development. Appointments are available in person, via telephone, and via email. Her door is always open. **On-Campus Recruitment Program.** In addition to year-round job postings, the Career Services Office also coordinates two formal on campus interview programs each year, the Fall On-Campus Interview Program and the Spring On-Campus Interview Program. Besides employers that interview our students on campus, both of these programs also include employers who request that we collect and forward resumes to them year-round.

Lawyer-to-Law Student Mentoring Program. The Office of Career Services, in conjunction with The Akron Bar Association Liaison Committee, pairs University of Akron Law students with local lawyers for the purposes of assisting law students in beginning the transition from law school to law practice, through a one-on-one relationship with a practicing attorney. The mentor provides perspective on the law school experience and its relationship to practice; helps the student understand the nature of different practice areas and types of employers; and has the opportunity to advise the students on networking and career resources. Above all, the mentor is a role model who conveys his/her commitment to the profession and the responsibility that comes with admission to the bar. Mentor interaction with the student takes many forms. In general mentors and their students meet at least three times during the mentoring year, but the actual amount of contact will depend on the student's initiative, the attorney's schedule, and the quality of their relationship. Mentor program information is made available to all second and third year students in November of each year.

Comprehensive Career Services Library of Resources. The Career Services Office maintains a comprehensive library of books on various job search topics, and other hard copy reference materials, including directories, informational handouts, binders of fellowship and clerkship opportunities, legal periodicals, salary and practice-area reports and statistics. Students may borrow any materials from the



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Career Services library by listing their name and contact information in the sign out binder. We also maintain an extensive and current online resource library.

Participation in National and Regional Job Fairs. Each year, Akron Law students are invited and encouraged to participate in a wide variety of job fairs, including the Loyola Patent Law Interview Program, the BLSA Midwest Minority Recruitment Conference, the NAPIL Job Fair and the Midwest Public Interest Career Conference.

Job Postings. The Career Services Office posts numerous full time, part time, and summer job opportunities for students and alumni. In the 2015-2016 academic year, the Career Services Office posted thousands of job opportunities for our students and alumni. Our job postings are updated each weekday, so be sure to check AkronLawJobs (<https://law-akron-csm.symplicity.com/students/>) on a regular basis. We encourage all students actively looking for work to check AkronLawJobs at least three times per week, and to apply to available opportunities without unnecessary delay. We also share new opportunities on Akron Law's daily blog/e-mail announcements.

The Career Connection. Every Friday, the Career Services Office publishes The Career Connection, our e-mail student newsletter. The Career Connection contains up-to-date information about job opportunities, notices about career workshops, networking opportunities, and articles on important job search skills.

Workshops, Panel Discussions, and Presentations. Throughout the school year, the Career Services Office offers a wide variety of programs covering topics ranging from different practice areas, professional development, interview skills, obtaining a judicial clerkship, to non-traditional/alternative careers, resume and cover letter preparation, how to network and how to launch a successful job search campaign. Attendance at these programs can provide students with insight from practicing attorneys, expert advice on specific geographic markets, and other "insider" information that is invaluable to the job search. For notice about these different programs, please read the Career Connection every week and the Career Services blog.

First-Year Law Student Programming. Each year, the Career Services Office presents a number of workshops that are geared specifically to first year students, including our mandatory Career Services Orientation sessions. During these informative sessions, first years are introduced to our office staff and get an overview of the legal job market, resume and cover letter preparation and employment options for the summer after their first year. All first years also receive our Career Services Handbook at these orientation sessions. First year programs also include information sessions about Akron Law's extensive Clinical Program and the numerous externships that our students can participate in.

Mock Interviews. Students can participate in practice interviews with members of the Career Services staff and Akron Law alumni. These mock interviews are a great way to hone your interviewing skills before going on a "real" job interview.

Reciprocity. Reciprocity allows Akron Law students and alumni to receive access to some or all of the career services resources of another law school. This can be a useful tool for students seeking employment outside Northeast Ohio. Many law schools, including Akron, have strict guidelines as to when they will grant reciprocity and for how long they will grant it. Please be sure you carefully read and understand the reciprocity policy of the school you are requesting access to and that you make your request at the time you are able to take the fullest advantage of the privileges extended to you.

Alumni Networking. The Office of Career Services provides many opportunities for current students to meet and network with Akron Law School alumni. For a list of Akron Law School Alumni events planned around the country, please visit <http://www.uakron.edu/law/giving/>.

Akron Law School's Clinical Program. Extensive opportunities for student participation are available in a wide variety of hands-on, practical Clinical Programs.



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Akron Law Externship Program. Assistant Dean O'Brien works with students to place them in legal offices in Ohio and throughout the country to experience practical, hands-on legal training while earning course credit.

The Alumni Career Connection. Our monthly alumni e-mail job newsletter. The Alumni Career Connection is published and e-mailed to all "subscribing" alumni on the 15th of every month or the following business day, if the 15th falls on a weekend. For your free subscription to the Alumni Career Connection, please contact our office at 330.972.8540.

Class of 2015 Summary Report

The Class of 2015 Summary Report presented on the next two pages is prepared by the National Association for Legal Career Professionals (NALP) based on the employment statistics reported to the Akron Law Career Services Office by members of the Class of 2015. The employment type and salary information are all self-reported to our office by our graduates. Every ABA-approved law school is required to provide this information to NALP and the following is a standard reporting document that every law school receives from NALP. For further information on law school employment and salary reporting, please go to the NALP Research and Statistics webpage at www.nalp.org/research.

If you have any further questions or would like to speak to a member of our Career Services Office staff, please e-mail us at lawcareerplanning@uakron.edu.

Complete NALP reports dating back to the class of 2007 are available at <http://www.uakron.edu/law/admissions/employment-statistics.dot>.



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			Full-time Long-term Salaries				
	Number Reported	% of Reported	# with Salary	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Mean
Total Reported = 142							
Gender Reported:							
Women	65	45.8	33	42,000	50,000	60,000	56,651
Men	77	54.2	47	45,000	52,668	73,000	61,402
Subtotal	142	100.0					
Race Reported:							
Minority	16	11.7	8	46,000	65,500	102,500	73,500
Nonminority	121	88.3	69	44,000	50,000	66,000	58,013
Subtotal	137	100.0					
Gender & Race Repted:							
Minority Women	5	3.6	.	.	.	.	.
Minority Men	11	8.0	6	42,000	68,000	120,000	76,333
Nonminority Women	57	41.6	29	42,000	50,000	60,000	56,827
Nonminority Men	64	46.7	40	45,500	52,334	70,000	58,873
Subtotal	137	100.0					
Employment Status Known:							
Bar Passage Required	85	61.6	61	42,000	50,000	73,000	60,607
JD Advantage	23	16.7	12	46,500	51,334	64,000	56,195
Other Professional	12	8.7	7	48,000	51,000	65,000	54,857
Non-professional	5	3.6	.	.	.	.	.
Pursuing Degree FT	4	2.9	.	.	.	.	.
Not employed-Seeking	7	5.1	.	.	.	.	.
Not employed-Not Seeking	2	1.4	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	138	100.0					
Note: Categories with no graduates reported are not shown. A minimum of five salaries is required for each salary analysis. Employment by sector does not include graduates for whom employer type was not reported.							

Table prepared by NALP, August 2016

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	Number Reported	% of Reported	Full-time Long-term Salaries				
			# with Salary	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Mean
Total Employed or Degree:							
Pursuing Degree FT	4	2.9	.	.	.	.	.
Employed	125	90.6	80	43,250	50,500	69,000	59,442
Subtotal	129	93.5					
Employment by Sector							
Private Sector	96	76.8	62	48,000	55,088	75,000	64,445
Public Sector	29	23.2	18	36,000	41,250	48,000	42,212
Subtotal	125	100.0					
FT/PT Jobs:							
Bar Passage Req'd-FT	74	59.2	61	42,000	50,000	73,000	60,607
Bar Passage Req'd-PT	11	8.8	.	.	.	.	.
JD Advantage-FT	20	16.0	12	46,500	51,334	64,000	56,195
JD Advantage-PT	3	2.4	.	.	.	.	.
Other Professional-FT	7	5.6	7	48,000	51,000	65,000	54,857
Other Professional-PT	5	4.0	.	.	.	.	.
Non-professional-PT	5	4.0	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	125	100.0					
Employment Categories:							
Academic	1	0.8	.	.	.	.	.
Business	33	26.4	17	50,000	55,176	70,000	62,952
Judicial Clerk	3	2.4	.	.	.	.	.
Private Practice	63	50.4	45	46,000	55,000	75,000	65,009
Government	16	12.8	10	35,000	43,000	50,000	43,617
Public Interest	9	7.2	5	36,000	36,000	40,000	37,800
Subtotal	125	100.0					
Note: Categories with no graduates reported are not shown. A minimum of five salaries is required for each salary analysis.							

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NALP Summary Report data may vary slightly from the school-specific data published by the ABA because of definitional differences between the two organizations and because NALP's quality control process can result in changes made after the ABA data has been submitted. For more on this, see www.nalp.org/crssinfo.



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Student Organizations

There are currently over 20 active student organizations at Akron Law. All law students may join any law student organization. Entering students will be invited to join these organizations during orientation week. Do not feel obligated to join a lot of organizations as your time in law school will be primarily devoted to your studies, especially during your first year. All law students are automatic members of the Student Bar Association (SBA). Various student organization meetings and events are coordinated by the SBA and the other student organizations. Watch <http://blogs.uakron.edu/law/> for event programming. You will see that there is something for everyone among the diverse organizations offered at Akron Law.

Organizations

Akron Law Federalist Society

Akron Law Review

American Association for Justice/Trial Team Honor Society

American Civil Liberties Union

Asian-Latino Law Students Association

Black Law Students Association

Environmental Law Society

Gay/Straight Law Alliance

Intellectual Property and Technology Law Association

International Law Society

J. Reuben Clark Law Society

Jewish Law Students Association

Law Association for Women

Moot Court Honor Society

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity

Phi Delta Phi International Law Fraternity

Sports and Entertainment Law Society

Student Animal Legal Defense Fund

Student Bar Association



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Competition Teams

In the last 25 years, Akron trial teams have been champions or co-champions in the 41 district tournaments sponsored by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) or Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition (ABA/NTC). At the national level, they have placed second four times in the ATLA or NTC Tournaments, were national quarterfinalists eight times, national semifinalists twice, and national champions in the 2004 ATLA Tournament. Additionally, Akron teams have been invited to compete in the prestigious National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) Tournament of Champions 18 times since 1989. Akron won the National Championship in 2003 and also won Best Advocate honors. Akron placed second at the Tournament in 2004 and won the Award for Best Advocate, Preliminary Rounds. Akron also placed second in that tournament in 2005 and 2007 once again won the Best Advocate Award.

In 2007, the team won the National Civil Trial Competition and took home Best Advocate honors. The team also advanced to the semifinal round of the National Criminal Trial Competition/Buffalo-Niagara Tournament the same year.

Most recently, Akron Law's Trial Team won the American Association for Justice National Championship in 2014 – the fourth national title in eleven years. The team also won the 2012 American Bar Association Trial Advocacy Competition Regionals, and advanced to the semifinals of the same competition in 2013. Also in 2013, Akron Law won the 2013 Texas Young Lawyers' Association National Trial Competition, moving onto the NTC Finals in San Antonio.

Locally, Akron's advocates have been champions or co-champions at the Case Western Reserve University Trial Tournament every year 1998 - 2004. Akron's advocates have also taken first place honors at the Landskroner Foundation for Children Closing Argument Competition six times in the past eight years.

Akron's moot court teams have also achieved numerous successes. Akron won the National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare and Adoption Law in 2010 and fielded the best oralist in the competition. Also in 2010, the Giles Sutherland Rich Team was the regional runner-up and won the regional award for best brief. In 2012, the Frederick Douglass Moot Court team won the award for best petitioner brief in the Midwest regional. In 2015 the moot court team made it to the National Championship in the ABA competition. Many other moot court teams have won awards for their oral and briefing skills, and have advanced to the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds of prestigious competitions including the American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition.

Eligibility

Students who have completed their first year of law school are eligible to participate in Moot Court and Mock Trial. Mock Trial tryouts typically occur during the spring semester, and Moot Court tryouts typically occur in the fall. For more information, contact the team advisors:

Mock Trial – Assistant Dean Brian Fuller
bfuller@uakron.edu 330.972.2682

Moot Court – Professor Carolyn Dessin
cld3@uakron.edu, 330.972.6358



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Journals

Student members of the Akron Law Review contribute to the publication by editing the articles selected for publication and by writing their own notes and comments. By editing selected articles, staff members improve their own editing, writing, and citation skills while being exposed to different areas of law. Throughout the writing process, they are guided by the second-year members of the Law Review, the Executive Editor and law faculty. The Editor-in-Chief and the Editorial Board oversee the selection, editing, and publication process.

The Law Review is composed of second-, third-, and fourth-year full-time and part-time students. Members are selected either based on their grades after the first-year of law school or through a write-on competition conducted every summer. Invitations are sent to eligible students, and a training session is held shortly after.

For more information about these publications, email lawreview@uakron.edu or call 330.972.8333.

Akron Law Review

The Akron Law Review is a scholarly legal publication of The University of Akron School of Law that produces an annual volume of four issues for use by scholars, practitioners, and judges. The Law Review accepts articles on all issues. Prior symposiums have focused on professional responsibility, summary judgment, complex litigation, elder law, judicial elections, and education law.

Akron Intellectual Property Journal

The Akron Intellectual Property Journal is a scholarly legal publication of The University of Akron School of Law that produces an annual volume of one or two issues for use by scholars, practitioners, and judges. The Akron Intellectual Property Journal accepts articles on the topics of intellectual property, cyberlaw (including privacy matters), antitrust, and technology transfer. The journal is part of a larger effort to offer a variety of opportunities for study, research, and publication in the area of intellectual property through The University of Akron School of Law's Center for Intellectual Property Law and Technology.

Akron Journal of Constitutional Law and Policy

The Akron Journal of Constitutional Law and Policy is an online scholarly publication dedicated to our nation's founding document, and the jurisprudence that surrounds it. The journal is student-edited, and its website is updated with new articles throughout the year. Members of the Journal are those selected by the Akron Law Review who have a special interest in the field of constitutional law.

Clinical Programs

Akron Law students can experience the real practice of law before graduation in a variety of supervised settings by working with courts, attorneys, and clients in actual cases. We realize that client contact with faculty supervision is key to your future and vital for the community.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE CLINICS

The Small Entrepreneur and Economic Development (SEED) Clinic provides low-cost legal and business assistance to small and emerging businesses in the local community that would otherwise be unable to hire outside counsel, with a special focus on businesses owned by women and minorities.

The Trademark Clinic provides law students with the opportunity to assist real-world clients with the filing of trademark applications under the supervision of licensed attorneys. In particular, students gain valuable skills such as interviewing clients, conducting trademark searches, preparing trademark applications, answering office actions from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and drafting trademark-related contracts.

The Criminal Law Expungement Clinic trains law students on expungement law and processes so that they may assist citizens of Ohio who wish to have their records sealed. Along with our reentry programs (which assist those with criminal convictions with legal remedies to help them obtain employment or housing.), students can participate in this clinic in their first year.



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LITIGATION CLINICS

Civil Litigation Clinic This clinic provides representation to clients in landlord-tenant and domestic relations cases. Students in this clinic learn how to manage a caseload and prepare for litigation.

Domestic Relations Court Clinic Students in this litigation clinic handle family law matters in the Portage County Domestic Relations Court. With their State of Ohio legal intern certificate, students supervised by an experienced practitioner handle matters of child support contempt, dissolutions and civil protection orders. Students appear in court, argue at hearings, prepare briefings, and advise clients of modest means referred by the Portage County Bar Association.

POLICY AND LAW CLINICS

The Immigration & Human Rights Law Clinic introduces students to the practice of immigration removal defense with a focus on asylum as a form of relief. Students will learn immigration court procedure, client interviewing and counseling skills, trial advocacy skills, legal research and writing in the civil, administrative context, and the fundamentals of asylum as a basis for relief in removal proceedings. Under the instructor's supervision and guidance, students will work in teams of two to provide direct representation for an individual seeking asylum while detained in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Students will become familiar with essential asylum case law and will advocate for their clients before a U.S. Immigration Judge.

Health Law & Policy Clinic This clinic affords students the opportunity to participate in Legal Aid's medical-legal partnership, called the Health, Education, Advocacy, and Law (HEAL) Project. The HEAL Project integrates lawyers into the health care team (which includes doctors, nurses, psychologists, social workers, counselors, and other professionals) to resolve legal problems that are barriers to health.

Social Justice Lawyering Clinic Students in this clinic identify and work on projects to serve an identified need in the community. The Fall 2015 class selected projects to eliminate obstacles to public housing for those with criminal convictions. The students began the semester by participating in the first statewide Public Housing Authority (PHA) conference on the topic and then identified subsequent related projects.

The Public External Placement Clinic places Akron Law students with local prosecutors, public defenders, legal aid organizations and with supervising attorneys in other nonprofit or government agencies or organizations.

Curriculum

Akron Law offers a broad curriculum which covers a wide variety of specialty areas and includes tracks, certificates, and LL.M. programs. For more details on our curriculum, see www.uakron.edu/law/curriculum/.

If you are interested in pursuing a certificate or LL.M. program, please contact Brian Fuller, **Assistant Dean of Student Services** at bfuller@uakron.edu or 330.972.2682.

Areas of Specialized Study

Students interested in focusing their studies in a particular area of law have ample opportunities to do so. Areas of specialized studies include **business law, criminal law, family law, health law, intellectual property law, international law, labor and employment law, public interest law, and tax law**. Note that most law students do not focus their studies on one area but instead take a more general approach to their elective courses.



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Certificate Programs

Akron Law presently offers certificate programs in **intellectual property, litigation, and health law**. Students pursue certificate programs as a way of formally signifying that they have concentrated their legal studies in a certain area of law. Certificates do not entitle their holders to any special privileges as practitioners, but they do appear on the final transcript and they are looked upon favorably by some employers.

LL.M. Programs

Akron Law presently offers one LL.M. program in **intellectual property**. Students who wish to pursue additional specialized study in a given field often pursue LL.M. programs. Like certificates, an LL.M. does not entitle its holder to any special privileges as a practitioner. However, an LL.M. does signify an extra level of academic mastery of a given subject area.

International JD Program

Our Two Year International JD Program enables foreign lawyers or applicants who have earned a first degree in law outside of the United States to:

- Transfer up to 29 credits from a law degree obtained outside of the United States toward a JD degree at Akron Law. This means that you only need 59 credits (the equivalent of four semesters of full-time study) to obtain a JD.
- **Acquire in-depth knowledge of U.S. law and increase your chances of passing the bar examination.** Instead of taking a short, introductory course on the American legal system like many LL.M. students, you will take all of the first year law school courses together with American JD students.

Comparison of Full-Time and Part-Time Programs

Akron Law offers students a great deal of flexibility in the way they complete law school. Full-time and part-time students have exactly the same opportunities, but there are some differences in the ways in which full-time and part-time students complete law school.

Those who attend Akron Law as part-time students may **still graduate in three years** by transferring to full-time beginning in the fall of the second year of law school. To do this, a student's accumulative GPA must be 2.80 or higher at or after the end of the spring of the first year. Staying on track with a full-time schedule for the second and third years and taking summer courses each year would make it possible to graduate in 3 years with 88 credits.

The table below summarizes the similarities and differences between the full-time and part-time programs.

	Full-Time	Part-Time
Credits Required for Graduation	88	88
Credit Hour Load	12 to 16 credits each fall and spring semester, summer optional	7 to 10 credits each fall and spring semester 5 to 8 credits each summer term (optional, but strongly recommended)
Class Schedules	Courses are offered at various times throughout the day Monday through Friday. Full-time students may take a combination of daytime and evening classes.	Part-time evening students take classes 3 nights a week, usually Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday during the first year. During the last three years, classes are typically 3 nights per week, any night Monday through Thursday. Evening classes generally begin at 6:40 and may run as late as 10:40. Part-time day students take classes at various times throughout the day Monday through Friday.
Graduation	Traditional: 3 years Early-out: 2 ½ years	Traditional: 4 years Early-out: 3 ½ years
Faculty	All required and foundational classes are taught by full-time faculty members unless unusual circumstances require otherwise. Elective classes are taught by both full-time faculty members and adjunct professors, who are experienced practitioners in their areas of expertise.	
Law Review Eligibility	Yes	Yes
Organization Leadership/Membership	Yes	Yes
Clinical Program Eligibility	Yes	Yes
Placement Assistance by Career Planning	Yes – October 15 or later of first year (in accordance with NALP guidelines)	Yes - From first day of law school
Eligible to try out for Competition Teams (Moot Court, Mock Trial)	Yes	Yes
Age of Entering Students	Generally averages 24-26	Generally averages 26-28



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	Full-Time	Part-Time
Dean's Office Accessibility	8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday during fall and spring semesters. 8 am to 4:30 pm during summers. After 5 pm, seek assistance at the Law Library reference desk.	Evening appointments are available.
Law Library Access	Daily, including late night hours	
Employment Policy	<p><u>First-Year, Full-Time Students:</u> The law school strongly encourages first-year, full-time students not to work. Students who nonetheless choose to work are prohibited from working more than 20 hours per week in any semester. In addition, a first-year, full-time student must meet with the Dean or his/her designee before working to discuss the consequences such employment may have on the student's academic performance.</p> <p><u>Second and Third-Year, Full-Time Students:</u> The law school permits second and third-year, full-time students to work, but strongly discourages working more than 20 hours per week in any semester.</p>	May work full-time year-round. Working more than 40 hours per week is not recommended.
Scholarships	Eligible to be considered for entering and upper-division scholarships	



Joint Degree Programs

Joint degree programs may be completed in 3 years (full-time) or 4 years (part-time) assuming summer enrollment. Students enrolled in the MBA, MSA, MTax, MAP, or MPA most often graduate in 3 years (full-time) or 4 years (part-time) with the JD degree, take the bar exam, then return for an additional semester to complete the MBA, MSA, MTax, MAP, or MPA degree. Students are not required to graduate with both degrees in the same term. Students are also able to pursue the JD/LLM/MBA program option that may still be completed in 3 years (full-time) or 4 years (part-time) assuming summer enrollment and no other foundations courses are required in the MBA program.

Program	JD Credits	Graduate Program Credits Transferred to be applied toward JD	TOTAL
Traditional Juris Doctor	88	May transfer up to 6 credits to be applied toward 88 credits	88
JD/LLM in Intellectual Property (IP) Law, includes IP Certificate	76	24 credits, of which 12 apply to the JD	100
JD/MBA	78	10	88
JD/MSA (Financial Forensics)	76	12	88
JD/MTax	78	10	88
JD/Masters in Applied Politics (MAP)	76	12	88
JD/Masters in Public Administration (MPA)	77	11	88

Joint Degree Program Notes - <http://www.uakron.edu/law/curriculum/joint.dot>

For MBA, MSA, MTax, MAP, and MPA

- Students must apply for admission to The University of Akron Graduate School for admission to the graduate Master's degree program. See www.uakron.edu/gradsch.
- Students may apply for admission to the UA Graduate School and for a Graduate Assistantship (GA) before law school matriculation or during first or second year of law school.
- The LSAT can be accepted as a substitute for the GMAT and GRE.
- Students may also apply for a GA that awards tuition remission and stipend (requires 20 hours of employment/week) during the fall/spring semesters of 2nd and 3rd years of law school. Students who receive a GA may not also receive School of Law scholarships.
- Only pre-approved graduate credits taken while a student is enrolled in the School of Law may be applied toward the JD degree.
- Grades for graduate courses will not affect the law school GPA. Grades for law school courses will not affect the graduate GPA.

FOR LLM in IP Law

- Students may apply for admission before law school matriculation or during 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year of law school.
- Students should plan to enroll in a minimum of Fundamentals of IP Law (introductory course) in Fall semester of 2nd year (if full-time) or 3rd year (if part-time).
- Although the School of Law does not have GA's (as does the UA Graduate School), law students in this program may receive School of Law scholarships either upon matriculation in law school or may apply for assistance in upper division years.
- All 100 credits earned will be factored into the student's law school GPA.



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Entering Class Profile

In 2016, 159 JD students began their legal studies at The University of Akron School of Law. This represents a significant increase in entering-class enrollment from the previous year. We believe this increase is bolstered by solid career prospects, cutting-edge programs, innovative offerings, and increased focus on international programs. If you have any questions about any of the statistics in the chart below, please feel free to contact our Admissions Office at lawadmissions@uakron.edu.

	Full-Time	Part-Time	Overall
Applications	768	117	885
Admit Offers	400	47	447
Entering Class			
Total Enrollment	125	34	159
Female Enrollment	54%	61%	56%
Minority Enrollment	14%	15%	14%
75th Percentile LSAT	154	154	155
Median LSAT	152	151	152
25th Percentile LSAT	149	149	149
75th Percentile UGPA	3.55	3.47	3.54
Median UGPA	3.35	3.22	3.33
25th Percentile UGPA	3.06	2.93	3.02
Median Age	23	29	24
Average Age	25	32	26
Age Range	20 to 55	23 to 47	20 to 55
Non-Ohio Residents	28%	6%	23%

17 States Represented: AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, IA, IN, MI, NV, NY, OH, PA, TN, TX, UT, WI, WV

69 Undergraduate Schools Represented

46 Undergraduate Majors Represented



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2016-2017 Tuition and Fees

2017-2018 tuition and fees are not yet available. When 2017-2018 tuition and fees are finalized we will notify you.

	Full-Time (Based on 16 hours for fall and 14 hours for spring)		Part-Time (based on 7 hours for fall, 11 hours for spring, and 6 hours for summer)	
	Ohio Resident	Non-Ohio Resident	Ohio Resident	Non-Ohio Resident
Fall 2016				
Tuition	\$11,400.48	\$11,400.48	\$4,987.71	\$4,987.71
Nonresident Surcharge	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Course Fee	550.00	550.00	330.00	330.00
General Service Fee	197.40	197.40	115.15	115.15
Administrative Fee	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Technology Fee	260.00	260.00	113.75	113.75
Transportation Fee	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00
Facility Fee	<u>222.60</u>	<u>222.60</u>	<u>129.85</u>	<u>129.85</u>
FALL TOTAL	\$12,835.48	\$12,885.48	\$5,881.46	\$5,931.46
<i>Total Fees</i>	<i>\$1,435.00</i>	<i>\$1,485.00</i>	<i>\$893.75</i>	<i>\$943.75</i>
Spring 2017				
Tuition	\$9,975.42	\$9,975.42	\$7,837.83	\$7,837.83
Nonresident Surcharge	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Course Fee	550.00	550.00	330.00	330.00
General Service Fee	197.40	197.40	180.95	180.95
Administrative Fee	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Technology Fee	227.50	227.50	178.75	178.75
Transportation Fee	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00
Facility Fee	<u>222.60</u>	<u>222.60</u>	<u>204.05</u>	<u>204.05</u>
SPRING TOTAL	\$11,377.92	\$11,427.92	\$8,936.58	\$8,986.58
<i>Total Fees</i>	<i>\$1,402.50</i>	<i>\$1,452.50</i>	<i>\$1,098.75</i>	<i>\$1,148.75</i>
Summer 2017 (Optional, but strongly recommended for part-time students)				
Tuition	-	-	\$4,275.00	\$4,275.00
Course Fee	-	-	220.00	220.00
General Service Fee	-	-	98.70	98.70
Administrative Fee	-	-	30.00	30.00
Technology Fee	-	-	97.50	97.50
Transportation Fee	-	-	130.00	130.00
Facility Fee	-	-	<u>111.30</u>	<u>111.30</u>
SUMMER TOTAL	-	-	\$4,962.50	\$4,962.50
<i>Total Fees</i>	-	-	<i>\$687.50</i>	<i>\$687.50</i>
Annual Tuition	\$21,375.90	\$21,375.90	\$17,100.54	\$17,100.54
Annual Fees	\$2,837.50	\$2,937.50	\$2,680.00	\$2,780.00
Annual Total	\$24,213.40	\$24,313.40	\$19,780.54	\$19,880.54



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Total Cost of Attendance

The amounts noted below reflect the MAXIMUM amount of financial aid (scholarships and loans combined) that a law student at The University of Akron School of Law could receive for the 2014-2015 financial aid year. Students may borrow less than the maximum amount and often do. Students who attend law school during the summer are eligible to borrow money to take summer courses and to pay for living expenses during the summer term.

Law students are eligible to borrow a maximum of \$20,500 in Federal Direct Loan funds per academic year, depending on the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number, as determined by the information submitted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Keep in mind that students may borrow beyond the \$20,500 Direct Loan up to the budgeted aid amount as noted in the tables below. Those funds would be secured through the federal Grad PLUS program or through a private lender. For more information on loans, visit <http://www.uakron.edu/law/admissions/financial-aid.dot>.

Questions regarding student loans may be directed to **Cora Moretta** at moretta@uakron.edu. You may also contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 330.972.7032, 800.621.3847, or 330.972.5374.

Scholarship recipients who plan to borrow the maximum amount should remember that in accordance with federal financial aid guidelines that the value of scholarships received will be deducted from the maximum aid amount (i.e., the "total" row from the table below) in order to avoid "double dipping" into loan/scholarship funds.

2016-17 (Fall and Spring Combined)

	Ohio Resident Full-Time/Part-Time*	Non-Resident** Full-Time/Part-Time*
Tuition	\$21,376/\$12,826	\$21,376/\$12,826
Fees	\$2,838/\$1,193	\$2,938/\$2,093
Total	\$24,214/\$14,819	\$24,314/\$14,919

Summer 2017 Cost of Attendance***

A minimum summer enrollment of 5 credit hours is required to receive summer student loans.

	Three hours	Six hours
Tuition	\$2,138	\$4,275
Fees	\$424	\$688
Total	\$2,592	\$4,963

*** Summer classes are optional, but are strongly recommended for part-time students wishing to complete law school in four years. 88 credit hours are required for graduation.

Estimated Living Expenses

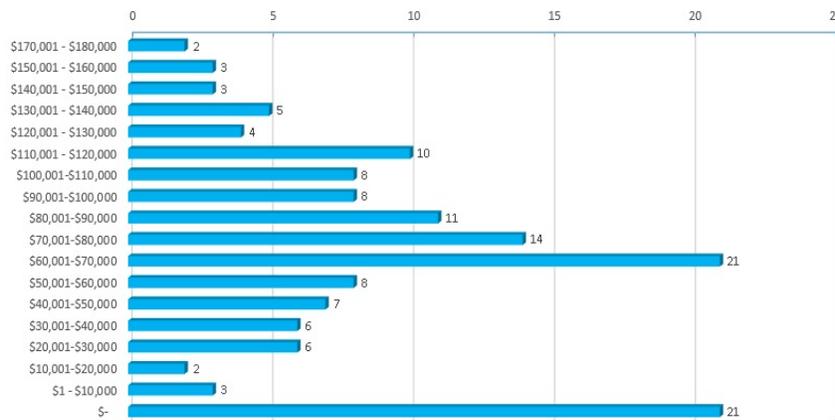
	Fall/Spring	Summer
Room and Board	\$11,524	\$3,841
Books and Supplies	\$1,000	\$500
Transportation	\$1,000	\$334
Personal Expenses	\$3,000	\$1,000
Total	\$16,524	\$5,675

Responsible Borrowing and Financial Health

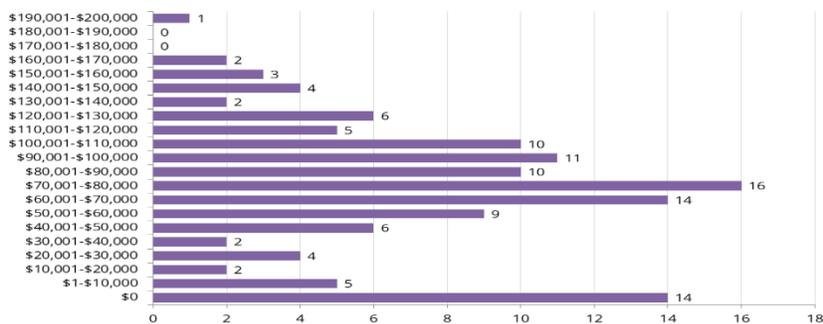
The following are summary statistics on the educational debt that our last four graduating classes incurred during law school. We provide this to you to help you make an informed decision about your own educational borrowing. If you have any questions about Akron's debt figures or about educational borrowing in general, please feel free to contact us at 800.4.AKRON.U (800.425.7668) or lawadmissions@uakron.edu

Class	No. In Class	No. With Debt	Pct. With Debt	Avg. Debt	Median Debt	25th Pct.	75th Pct.
2015	142	121	85%	\$79,893	\$78,269	\$59,514	\$104,185
2014	126	112	89%	\$82,322	\$78,770	\$59,881	\$106,918
2013	166	145	87%	\$81,278	\$80,312	\$59,869	\$106,885
2012	139	124	89%	\$66,283	\$61,698	\$42,184	\$93,840
2011	128	113	88%	\$67,136	\$71,386	\$45,124	\$91,201
2010	134	111	83%	\$59,822	\$61,147	\$42,935	\$77,203

Total Debt at Graduation
The University of Akron School of Law
Class of 2015



Total Debt at Graduation
The University of Akron School of Law
Class of 2014





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Total Cost of Attendance, Financial Aid Budget, and Sources of Aid

In addition to paying for tuition and fees, law students also have expenses for room and board, books, transportation, and other personal expenses. Our Student Financial Aid office combines these expenses together to determine a maximum annual financial aid budget. The table below summarizes the financial aid budgets for resident and non-resident students.

		Full-Time		Part-Time	
		Ohio Resident	Nonresident	Ohio Resident	Nonresident
Fall and Spring	Tuition and Fees	\$24,214	\$24,314	\$14,819	\$14,919
	Books and Living	\$16,524	\$16,524	\$16,524	\$16,524
	Total	\$40,738	\$40,838	\$31,343	\$31,443
Summer (Based on six credit hours)	Tuition and Fees	\$4,963	\$4,963	\$4,963	\$4,963
	Books and Living	\$5,675	\$5,675	\$5,675	\$5,675
	Total	\$10,638	\$10,638	\$10,638	\$10,638

Remember that the numbers on the previous page represent the **maximum** amount of financial aid a student may receive in a given year. These numbers do not necessarily represent an absolute annual cost of attendance, although they do provide a good estimate. **If you are able to live on less than the maximum financial aid budget during law school, you should do so to minimize the amount of money borrowed.**

Sources of Aid

Scholarships: If you are admitted to our entering class, you are **automatically considered** for merit-based scholarships. Scholarships generally range in value from a few thousand dollars to full tuition and fees and are guaranteed for the duration of law school.

Stafford Direct: By completing the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, you are eligible to receive loans through the federal need-based Stafford program. Note that because you will be attending law school, **you are not required to list your parents' income on your FAFSA.** Law students are generally eligible to borrow \$20,500 per year through the Stafford program.

Graduate PLUS: This is a credit-based federal loan program that requires an application apart from the FAFSA. Most students at Akron Law are able to pay for law school using a combination of scholarships, Stafford loans, and Graduate PLUS loans.

Alternative: If you are unable to borrow what you need through the Stafford and PLUS programs, Alternative loans are available through private lenders. An Alternative loan requires a separate application, is credit based, and generally carries a higher interest rate than Stafford and Graduate PLUS loans.

You may apply for and receive a combination of these four types of aid up to the budget amount for your situation as shown above. Note that you do not have to "max out" your budget – we encourage you to be frugal and to borrow as little as possible – but loan money is generally available to you within the budgeted amount if you need it. **For a more comprehensive guide to various types of loans, please see www.uakron.edu/finaid.**

Debt Worksheet

Once you have an idea of what you expect your annual living expenses to be, use the following worksheet to calculate your expected cost of attendance at Akron Law or at any other law school.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Tuition and Fees				
Add: Est. Books/Living Expenses				
Less: Scholarship/Stipend				



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Less: Other Non-Loan Funds				
Total Borrowing				

“Other Non-Loan Funds” may include savings, gifts, or earnings from employment.

To increase the accuracy of your estimate, you may want to consider including an annual tuition/fee increase of 2-5%, as well as an annual cost-of-living increase of 1-3%. You may also need to add extra columns to the worksheet if you plan to attend law school part-time.

Suggestions to Minimize Borrowing

- Full-time students are not permitted to work during the first year of law school and may only work part-time during the second and third year of law school. Part-time students, however, may work throughout law school. If you have not considered attending part-time at this point, it is worth thinking about enrolling part-time and holding a job during law school. If you do enroll as a full-time student, consider working part-time during your second and third years and during breaks.
- Many law students enroll in joint degree programs and receive graduate assistantships from the graduate school, which can cover part or all of law students’ tuition and fees for the second and third years of law school. In addition, some graduate assistantships pay living stipends on top of tuition and fees.
- If you are currently working, ask your employer if they offer a tuition assistance program.
- If you plan to move to Akron for law school, consider renting a multi-bedroom apartment or a house and sharing it with other students. Sharing rent and utilities with others is often cheaper than living alone.
- Live with your parents or other relatives to reduce or eliminate room and board expenses.
- Be as frugal as possible with your personal expenses.

Other Important Considerations

- Before committing to borrow any money for law school, determine how much money you will need for each year of law school and calculate your personal total cost of attendance. Once you have determined how much law school will cost, approximate your loan payment¹ so that you can see what your monthly financial commitment will be after law school. Remember that you may also have loans from your undergraduate education to pay off after law school, so be sure to factor that in to your monthly payment calculation.
- Based on expected salary data, you should be able to estimate how much money you will have left over each month after making your student loan payment. See page 39 for detailed salary data.
- Before entering law school, it is imperative that you get your “financial house” in order. That is, before committing to take on loans to finance law school, you should reduce or eliminate as much personal debt as possible, and you should adjust your lifestyle so that you can live as

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inexpensively as possible while attending law school. This may mean selling your home, purchasing a less expensive vehicle, curtailing personal spending, and other measures.

- If you are not in a position to reduce your existing debt and personal expenses, consider putting off law school until it is more realistic for you financially.

Ohio Residency

The School of Law **DOES NOT** determine whether law students qualify for Ohio residency – all such determinations are solely made by the Residency Office. **If you have any questions regarding your residency status or the Ohio residency rules and exceptions, please contact the Residency Office at 330.972.8638, or visit www.uakron.edu/registrar/residency/.**

Note that for the fall 2015 entering class, **the nonresident surcharge has been reduced to \$100 per year**, which effectively means that nonresident students pay resident tuition. Nonresident students who become Ohio residents will have this \$100 surcharged waived.

General Rules of Residency

Students are classified as residents under one of the following four sections: C-1, C-2, C-3, or C-4 of the Ohio Board of Regents Guidelines. If you do not qualify for residency under one of these four areas, you may qualify under one of the exceptions to the general rules of residency (see the next page).

C-1 Residency: Financially dependent upon a resident of Ohio. This classification is for a person who has been claimed by either a parent or legal guardian as a dependent on that person's Internal Revenue Service tax filing for the previous year, or the spouse of a person who has lived in and paid taxes to Ohio for the previous 12 consecutive months.

C-2 Residency: Financially independent. This classification is for a person who is claiming to be financially independent of anyone else unless they have a spouse who is also living in Ohio. A person must prove that they have maintained a physical presence and domicile in Ohio for the 12 months preceding the semester they would like to be classified as a resident. The person must also prove they have transferred all items of registration to Ohio. The person must finally show that they have been financially self-sustaining on eligible Ohio income and have not received financial support from persons or entities outside of Ohio, during the 12 months preceding the semester they would like to be reclassified as a resident.

C-3 Residency: Financially dependent upon a spouse or parent who lives and works in Ohio. This reclassification is for a person who has been claimed for tax purposes in the previous year by a parent or legal guardian and that person has not lived in Ohio for 12 months. The spouse, parent, or legal guardian has to accept and begin full-time employment and establish a domicile in Ohio before the semester begins in order for the student to qualify. Two part-time jobs or any combination cannot be used to constitute one full-time position. This residency is based upon one full-time employment position only. Students who marry an Ohio resident after their initial enrollment may apply under C-1 if the spouse has lived in Ohio for 12 months.

C-4 Residency: Veterans, spouses of veterans, and dependents of veteran. This classification is for a person who is veteran, the spouse of a veteran, or any dependent of a veteran, so long as the veteran has either served one or more years on active military duty and was honorably discharged or received a medical discharge that was related to the military service OR was killed while serving on active military duty or has been declared to be missing in action or a prisoner of war. The veteran, spouse, and any dependents must have established domicile within Ohio as of the first day of term of enrollment. If the veteran was killed while serving on active military duty or has been declared to be missing in action or a prisoner of war, only the spouse or dependent seeking residency status are required to have established domicile by the first day of term of enrollment.



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Exceptions to the General Rules of Residency

The following exceptions to the general residency rules allow a person to be classified as a resident of the State of Ohio for tuition subsidy surcharge purposes. Complete explanation and requirements of each type of residency exception can be obtained by contacting the Office of the University Registrar.

E-1 Residency: Based upon employment for part-time students. E-1 residency applies to persons who are residing and gainfully employed on a self-sustaining basis in Ohio, and who are pursuing a part-time program of instruction. E-1 residency generally pertains to persons who have resided in Ohio less than 12 consecutive months and have moved to Ohio for employment purposes.

E-2 Residency: For active duty military personnel. This residency exception is for a person who entered active duty military status as a resident of Ohio and is returning to Ohio after being discharged. This residency exception is also for a person who entered active duty military status as a resident of Ohio and their spouse or dependent child would like to return to Ohio and attend The University of Akron while they are still on active duty military and not living in Ohio.

E-3 Residency: For active duty military personnel stationed in Ohio. This residency exception is for a person, or their spouse, or their dependent child, who is stationed in Ohio on active duty military.

E-4 Residency: For Ohio residents transferred outside the U.S. by their employer. This residency exception is for a person, or their spouse, or their dependent child, who would like to return to Ohio and attend The University of Akron when they have not lived in Ohio for the previous 12 consecutive months. The person who was transferred must have retained Ohio as the state of domicile and must have fulfilled their tax liability to the State of Ohio for at least the year preceding enrollment.

E-5 Residency: For migrant workers. A person who has been employed as a migrant worker in the State of Ohio and their dependents is considered a resident provided the person has worked in Ohio at least four months during the three years preceding the proposed enrollment.

E-6 Residency: For community service. This residency exception is for a person, or their spouse, or their dependent child, who was a resident of Ohio and took a position working for VISTA, AmeriCorps, City Year, the Peace Corps, or any similar program as determined by the Ohio Board of Regents; or as an elected or appointed public official for a period of time not exceeding 24 consecutive months. The person now wishes to return to Ohio and be classified as a resident for tuition purposes.

E-7 Residency: For marital hardship. This residency exception is for a person or their dependent child who returns to Ohio and has legally separated from their spouse and is now provided with more than 50% of their support from a parent who is a bona fide Ohio resident.

E-8 Residency: For Ohio National Guard. A person who is a member of the Ohio National Guard and who is domiciled in Ohio, and his or her spouse or dependents, are considered residents of Ohio while the person is in the Ohio National Guard.

Forever Buckeye Ohio Residency Program

The "Forever Buckeye" provision extends the **in-state tuition rate** to Ohio high school graduates having the current legal status to remain permanently in the United States, who had left Ohio but who return to enroll in an Ohio public institution of higher education and who establish a primary residence in Ohio by the first day of classes of the requested term. Please note: A copy of a high school diploma is not sufficient evidence of high school graduation. An Ohio high school does not include GED or home school.

How to Apply for Forever Buckeye Ohio Residency

- Complete the Forever Buckeye Petition (enclosed).
- Please include the following documents with your petition:
 - Official Ohio high school transcript, with graduation date.
 - Proof of primary residence, i.e. lease or rental agreement, copy of closing statement, or notarized affidavit of domicile.
- Return the Petition and supporting documents to the Registrar's Office (the mailing address is on the Petition).

The University of Akron is required to follow Ohio Board of Regents guidelines in interpreting and applying "Forever Buckeye" and Ohio Administrative Code 3333-1-10.