

CLASS OF 2011 PROFILE



FAST FACTS

Median LSAT: 170

25%-75% LSAT: 166-171

Median GPA: 3.80

25%-75% GPA: 3.56-3.89

Median Age: 23 (range is 18 to 36)

370 students enrolled from among **6,548** applicants

164 women (**44%**)

59 identify themselves as minority students (**16%**)

GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

Approximately 40 percent of University of Virginia law students are Virginia residents. Nonresident students come from 43 states, the District of Columbia and three foreign countries.

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| New York | 19 | Minnesota | 5 | One each |
| California | 18 | Washington | 5 | from: Arkansas, |
| Florida | 18 | Colorado | 4 | Delaware, Hawaii, |
| Texas | 16 | South Carolina | 4 | Idaho, Indiana, |
| North Carolina | 16 | Tennessee | 4 | Iowa, Maine, Mis- |
| New Jersey | 14 | Washington, D.C. | 3 | issippi, Nebraska, |
| Pennsylvania | 13 | Kansas | 2 | Nevada, New |
| Maryland | 12 | Michigan | 2 | Mexico, Puerto |
| Alabama | 7 | New Hampshire | 2 | Rico, North Dakota, |
| Arizona | 7 | Oklahoma | 2 | Rhode Island and |
| Georgia | 7 | Oregon | 2 | South Dakota. |
| Ohio | 7 | Utah | 2 | Abroad, one each |
| Illinois | 6 | West Virginia | 2 | from: Cameroon, |
| Connecticut | 5 | Wisconsin | 2 | Iran and Trinidad |
| Massachusetts | 5 | | | and Tobago. |

THE CLASS OF 2011 was selected from the largest applicant pool in the Law School's history. Not surprisingly, the undergraduate grade-point average of entering students also reached new heights this year. Equally important, but less measurable, is the breadth and depth of the experiences of the entering class. In this regard, the Class of 2011 has no equal.

A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

First-year students have lived, worked or studied all over the world, including the United Kingdom, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland, France, Spain, Italy, Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Mexico, New Zealand, Turkey, the Galapagos Islands, Tanzania, Brazil, Australia, Kenya, India, Iran, Jordan, South Korea, Cameroon, Israel, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Japan, South Africa, Morocco, Lebanon, China, Hong Kong, Trinidad and Tobago, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Monaco, Kenya, Honduras, Ghana and Guatemala.

LIFE BEFORE LAW SCHOOL

Education

Thirty-one members of the Class of 2011 have at least one graduate degree. Disciplines include business administration, public health, teaching, divinity, fine arts, public policy, education, politics, policy studies, film studies, organic chemistry, economics, English, chemistry, theology, defense and strategic studies, mathematics, anthropology, physiology, systems engineering, biomedical engineering, philosophy, history, literature, and international relations.

Testing the Legal Waters

Many members of the Class of 2011 worked as legal assistants and paralegals, mostly at law firms but also for federal and state judges and with the U.S. Departments of Justice, Energy, State, Treasury, Labor and Commerce, as well as with the World Bank, the Federal Reserve,



"I'M EXCITED about the next three years. Everything that you hear about Virginia — the collegiality of the student body and the warmth of the staff and the professors — I've already seen to be true. And those are not simple things to be taken for granted."

—CHRISTOPHER CORTS was a stage, film and television actor in New York City before deciding to go to law school.



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“I HAVE A FOND PLACE IN MY HEART for Chicago; it’s a great city. But I find that Charlottesville, even though it’s small, is sort of like a big city wrapped in a small town. It’s definitely the best of both worlds: You can certainly form lasting relationships in the Law School and have a lot of your social life centered around the Law School, but you can also pursue extracurricular activities and life outside the school.”

—MELINDA HIGHTOWER received her M.B.A. from the University of Chicago and formerly worked for World Wrestling Entertainment and Price Waterhouse Coopers.



the CIA, the U.S. Marshal’s Office and Sallie Mae. They worked for district attorney’s offices in numerous cities and counties across the country and for state attorneys general. They include a court advocate coordinator for the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court, a federal courthouse jury administrator, and an investigator for Federal Public Defenders.

Federal Public Service

Members of this class include a presidential speechwriter, CIA counterterrorism analyst, research analyst for the Federal Trade Commission, specialist to the Presidential Commission for Environmental Quality, a Federal Reserve Board energy specialist, U.S. Department of Commerce economic statistician, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office examiner and an analyst in the Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Disease Prevention and Promotion. Several have served in the Army, Navy and Air Force, including some with recent duty in the Middle East.

Local Public Service

Students’ service closer to home includes work as a program consultant to the North Carolina Department of Rural Health, Washington State Department of Rev-

enue intern, fraud investigator for the Florida Department of Education, community liaison to the Brooklyn Borough president, policy advisor on issues at the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget, and head supervisor for Boston City Hall’s Elections Department. Others worked with the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the Rhode Island Office of Human Rights and the Texas Commission on Human Rights. Many have taught at the elementary, secondary or college level.

In Politics

Several class members have worked on Capitol Hill and with state legislatures as chiefs of staff, communication clerks, legislative aides, speechwriters, assistants and interns. One class member worked on the staff of a Scottish Parliament member. A number have worked on presidential, senatorial, congressional and mayoral campaigns.

Private Employers

Many have been analysts, consultants or researchers with private-sector firms including Accenture, IBM, Morgan Stanley, Fidelity Investments, Booz Allen & Hamilton, Merrill Lynch, The Advisory Board, Corporate Execu-

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS

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| Agnes Scott College | 1 | Liberty University | 3 | University of Illinois | 1 |
| Amherst College | 3 | London School of Economics and Political Science | 1 | University of Iowa | 1 |
| Arizona State University | 1 | Louisiana State University | 1 | University of Kansas | 1 |
| Auburn University | 2 | Loyola College in Maryland | 1 | University of Mary Washington | 3 |
| Bates College | 3 | Miami University | 1 | University of Maryland | 5 |
| Bob Jones University | 1 | Middlebury College | 1 | University of Miami | 6 |
| Boston College | 3 | New College of Florida | 2 | University of Michigan | 5 |
| Brandeis University | 1 | New York University | 4 | University of Minnesota | 1 |
| Bridgewater College | 1 | North Carolina State University | 2 | University of Mississippi | 1 |
| Brigham Young University | 7 | North Dakota State University | 1 | University of Nebraska | 1 |
| Brown University | 4 | Northeastern University | 1 | University of North Carolina - Asheville | 1 |
| Bucknell University | 2 | Northern Illinois University | 1 | University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill | 7 |
| Carleton College | 1 | Northwestern University | 2 | University of North Carolina - Charlotte | 1 |
| Centre College | 1 | Ohio University | 1 | University of North Texas | 1 |
| City College of New York - Hunter | 1 | Otterbein College | 1 | University of Notre Dame | 1 |
| Claremont McKenna College | 2 | Pennsylvania State University | 6 | University of Oklahoma | 2 |
| Colby College | 1 | Pfeiffer University | 1 | University of Oregon | 1 |
| Colgate University | 1 | Pomona College | 1 | University of Pennsylvania | 6 |
| College of William and Mary | 19 | Princeton University | 9 | University of Pittsburgh | 1 |
| Colorado College | 1 | Reed College | 1 | University of Richmond | 1 |
| Columbia University | 2 | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | 1 | University of Rochester | 3 |
| Concord College | 1 | Rice University | 3 | University of San Diego | 1 |
| Cornell University | 4 | Rollins College | 1 | University of Southern California | 3 |
| Covenant College | 1 | Rutgers University | 1 | University of Tennessee - Knoxville | 2 |
| Dartmouth College | 4 | St. Olaf College | 1 | University of Texas - Austin | 7 |
| Duke University | 13 | Siena College | 1 | University of Texas - El Paso | 1 |
| Eastern Connecticut State University | 1 | Smith College | 1 | University of Vermont | 1 |
| Eckerd College | 1 | Stanford University | 5 | University of Virginia | 54 |
| Emory University | 3 | SUNY at Buffalo Center | 1 | University of Washington | 3 |
| Florida State University | 3 | Temple University | 1 | Vanderbilt University | 5 |
| Furman University | 2 | The Citadel | 1 | Vassar College | 1 |
| George Mason University | 2 | Trinity University | 1 | Virginia Commonwealth University | 1 |
| George Washington University | 4 | Tufts University | 1 | Virginia Tech | 3 |
| Georgetown University | 7 | Tulane University | 4 | Wabash College | 1 |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | 1 | University College London | 1 | Wake Forest University | 5 |
| Gettysburg College | 1 | University of Alabama | 4 | Warren Wilson College | 1 |
| Gonzaga University | 1 | University of Arizona | 2 | Washington and Lee University | 3 |
| Grove City College | 1 | University of California - Berkeley | 3 | Washington University | 1 |
| Harvard University | 6 | University of California - Los Angeles | 4 | Wells College | 1 |
| Howard University | 1 | University of California - Santa Barbara | 1 | Wesleyan University | 2 |
| Indiana University | 2 | University of Central Florida | 2 | Western Washington University | 1 |
| James Madison University | 2 | University of Chicago | 2 | Wheaton College - Illinois | 4 |
| Johns Hopkins University | 3 | University of Florida | 6 | Whitman College | 1 |
| Kent State University | 1 | University of Georgia | 5 | | |
| Lehigh University | 1 | | | | |

Total Undergraduate Schools 132



“WHAT I FIND MOST IMPRESSIVE about the Law School is its dynamic and youthful energy. The School is full of intellectually curious and passionate minds and there are always lively discussions on a wide range of topics, from local, national and world issues to our daily ritual analysis of case opinions we had to read for class.”

—YANGHO SHIN, a San Francisco Bay area native who has also lived in Seoul, Beijing and Tokyo, majored in economics, political science and Chinese at Berkeley.



tive Board, Wachovia Financial, Mercer Management Consulting and Navigant Consulting. There are construction, biomedical, chemical, hardware, software and systems engineers. There are “Big 4 Accounting Firm” tax consultants and auditors, commercial realtors and real estate managers, Web content analysts, marketing account executives and a neurobiological researcher. Several have been editors, writers and columnists for local and national newspapers, *The Economist*, travel magazines, journals, science periodicals, CNN, NBC and ESPN. One member of the class was a lawyer in China.

Think Tanks and Nonprofits

Several members have held positions at think tanks and foundations, including the Center for Health Transformation, the Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies, the National Strategic Gaming Center, The Rutherford Institute, the Alliance for Health Care Reform, the North Carolina Center for Actual Innocence, the Environmental Law Institute, the Center for Law and Religious Freedom, the Center for Study of the Presidency, the American Enterprise Institute, the Foundation for Defense of Democracy, the Center for Developmental Disabilities, the Spencer Foundation, the Center for Constitutional Studies and the Baker Institute for Public Policy.

Off the Beaten Path

Class members’ experiences include work as a rare- and used-book seller, police officer, lobbyist, missionary, high school debate team coach, lifeguard, Red Bull distributor, pro bono clinic coordinator, NBC talent coordinator, travel agent, short-order cook, compensation and benefits coordinator, London street vendor, graphic designer, private investigator, specialist in Chinese ceramics for an auction house, choreographer, hospital operating-room technician, hedge-fund manager, smoothie-shop manager, sailing instructor, “boulderscape” sculptor, bank-fraud analyst and shoe repairman. Others served as an ESL instructor for immigrant children, an editor at the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations and an archival assistant to Maya Angelou. One prolific member of the class has appeared in “All My Children,” “Days of Our Lives,” “Beverly Hills 90210,” “The Practice,” and commercials for Crest, Chevy, Toyota, Sprint and American Express.



IN THEIR SPARE TIME

Volunteers

Entering students have engaged in an impressive array of volunteer efforts. These include service with the Peace Corps, Teach for America, AmeriCorps, Habitat for Humanity, Scouting and the Innocence Project; work with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; tutoring in schools, migrant farm worker communities, shelters and after-school mentoring programs; fundraising and support for AIDS patients; teaching English here and abroad; working as emergency medical volunteers and firefighters; cleaning up after Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf Coast; and coaching youth sports.

For Fun

There is a principal violinist, a foxtrot and tango dance competitor, numerous varsity athletes, singers in concert choirs and a cappella groups, several card players, a couple of piano teachers, a poetry award-winner, a few radio show hosts and a former “Jeopardy” contestant.

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