

Western Michigan University Thomas M Cooley Law School

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Basic Information

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Admissions Profile (J.D. Candidates only)

Applications received	1055
Size of entering class:	126
# of undergraduate colleges represented:	86
# of states represented (incl. D.C.)	22
In-state enrollment:	11
Out-state enrollment:	115
Foreign countries represented:	3

Grade Point Average / Law School Admission Test

In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? open

Contact Information for Other Career Services Staff

Karen M. Poole, Director of Career and Professional Development; Christi Henke, Associate Director of Career and Professional Development; Nicole Petty, Associate Director of Career and Professional Development and Enrollment and Student Services; William Fleener, Associate Director of Career and Professional Development and Clinical Programs; Dianne Herbin, Recruiting Assistant; Daniel Kofoed, Data Collection and Resource Specialist

Law School Demographics

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	Total
	Total Class Size	263	117	149	NC	529
	Men	116	45	61	NC	222
	Women	147	72	88	NC	307
	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Latinx	Men	7	2	1	NC	10
	Women	4	3	4	NC	11
	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
White	Men	77	29	37	NC	143
	Women	71	44	47	NC	162
	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Black or African American	Men	7	3	9	NC	19
	Women	30	10	16	NC	56
	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Men	0	0	0	NC	0
	Women	1	0	0	NC	1
	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Asian	Men	3	3	2	NC	8
	Women	6	1	2	NC	9
	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Native American or Alaska Native	Men	1	0	0	NC	1
	Women	1	0	1	NC	2
	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
2 or more races	Men	15	6	7	NC	28
	Women	24	11	11	NC	46
	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Persons with Disabilities	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
LGBTQ	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Non-Resident Alien	Men	0	0	1	NC	1
	Women	5	0	4	NC	9
	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
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	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0

	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
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Degree Programs

Number of Students Enrolled:	
Full-Time:	1641
Evening:	1642
Part-Time:	1643
Other:	1644
Fields of Study:	
LL.M. Degrees Offered:	1645
Is LL.M. grading system equivalent to JD system?	1646
Joint degree programs offered?	1647
Number of LL.M. degrees awarded in previous year:	1648

JD Programs:

Is Moot Court a required activity?	Yes
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Explanation of Grading System

Letter Grades	Other Grading System?	Numerical Equivalents
A+		
A		4.0
A-		3.5
B+		
B		3.0
B-		2.5
C+		
C		2.0
C-		1.5
D		1.0
F		0.0

Comments:

Minimum Grade Required to Attain:

Top 10%:	1694
Top 25%:	1695
Top 33%:	1696
Top 50%:	1697
Top 75%:	1698
Median GPA:	1699
Minimum grade required for graduation:	1700
Do you have a pass/fail option?	open
Are students ranked in their class?	open
If so, how often?	Loren ipsum dolor sit amet
Will the school verify student grades?	open

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Pre-Graduation Academic Honors

Graduation Honors

Areas of Practice & Employment

Areas of practice include both legal and non-legal positions: % of employed students with jobs in area	
Private practice	45.14
Business and industry	26.33
Government	15.04
Judicial clerkship	2.5
Military	0.00
Public interest organization	8.15
Academic	2.5
Job category not identified	0.3

% of students with known location who are in employment region	
New England (CT,ME,MA,NH,RI,VT)	1.6
Middle Atlantic (NJ,NY,PA)	6.1
East North Central (IL,IN,MI,OH,WI)	48.6
West North Central (IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD)	2.3
South Atlantic (DE,DC,FL,GA,MD,NC,SC,VA,WV)	34.1
East South Central (AL,KY,MS,TN)	1.9
West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)	1.3
Mountain (AZ,CO,ID,MT,NV,NM,UT,WY)	1.6
Pacific (AK,CA,HI,OR,WA)	0.6
Non-US	1.6

Jurisdictions:

Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas

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OCI / Job Posting

OCI Reservations

OCI requests accepted by:
Mail - beginning date: 01/01/2023
Phone - beginning date: 01/01/2023
Email to - beginning date: 01/01/2023; recruit@cooley.edu
Online, URL - beginning date: 01/01/2023:

Any changes in OCI procedures or policies that will be in effect for the first time during Fall 2015:

There are no changes in OCI procedures or policies.

OCI Date Assignment Procedure: First come first served

OCI Fee? No fee charged.

OCI Date Confirmation Sent to Employers:

If requested, our school will coordinate with:

Other schools and employers

Required Employer Forms:

Registration online at: <https://law-cooley-csm.symplicity.com/>

OCI Dates:

OCI Interview Periods:

Callback Period:

Is video conferencing available? Yes

Comments: OCI dates are available year round and are scheduled at the employer's convenience

Pre-OCI Material Distribution:

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

OCI Drop date:

Date student materials sent to employer:

Date interview schedule sent to employer:

Postage/express mail fee? No

Comments:

Do you provide resume collection or direct mail option for employers not participating in OCI? Yes

Are all OCI conducted in campus buildings? Yes

Other Interview Programs

American Bar Association/Law Student Division Career Fair Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Conference Midwest Public Interest Law Career Conference Loyola Patent Law Interview Program Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School is a member of PSJD and Equal Justice Works.

Diversity Interview Programs

AFL-CIO Lawyers Coordinating Committee Minority Outreach Program Boston Lawyers Group Job Fair Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Diversity & Inclusion Career Fair Cook County Bar Association Minority Job Fair Grand Rapids Bar Association/Floyd Skinner Bar Association Minority Summer Clerkship Program Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair Hispanic National Bar Association Job Fair and Conference IMPACT Indianapolis Bar Association (Indy Bar) Job Fair Lavender Law Job Fair and Conference National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) Job Fair National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA) Job Fair Rocky Mountain Diversity Legal Career Fair St. Louis Diversity Job Fair Tri-State Diversity Recruitment Program Vault Legal Diversity Career Fair Wolverine Bar Association Summer Clerkship Program and Summer Federal Judicial Intern Program

For Employers who do not interview students on-campus, will you:

send, upon request, one package containing resumes/transcripts? Yes

post a notice directing students to apply directly to employer? Yes

Employers may register and post their job listings online using the Symplicity career services management program at <https://law-cooley-csm.symplicity.com/> or may email their job listings to recruit@cooley.edu. CPD staff will post job listings received via email in Symplicity the same day. Job listings will remain posted for the period of time determined by the employer. Graduates can access Symplicity via the WMU-Cooley Portal to view job listings. Employers can view responses anytime after the job is posted online via Symplicity.

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

First Year Students

WMU Cooley Law School Career and Professional Development Office abides by the NALP guidelines. First-year students are eligible and encouraged to participate in the spring on-campus interview program.

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