

LEARN AT DUKE

**DUKE LAW**

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This is the  
beginning  
of your life  
as a lawyer.

Duke Law School is a building full of lawyers, some in the earliest days of their careers, some in the depths of intense study and research rooted in decades of private practice, teaching, and public service. From the day you arrive here, you are a colleague in an intensive and collaborative exploration of the law. Duke Law encourages — expects — you to create your own adventure and to use the vast resources at your disposal to contribute to the Law School, the community, and the legal profession.





“I came to Duke because  
I saw that this was a  
place that encourages  
students to take ideas  
and run with them.”

**Christopher T. Jones '13** collaborated with 1L classmates to coordinate a spring break trip to Haiti, where they conducted interviews for a documentary project on legal issues relating to ownership of property in earthquake-ravaged areas. The students also led an ad hoc course on property issues in Haiti and launched a student advocacy organization. Jones is of counsel at Nimbus Legal.



## CHARTING YOUR COURSE

At Duke Law, legal education is not just about learning the basics of Con Law or Contracts — although those are critically important. It's also about understanding how the law informs and changes the world around us, and how you can prepare to play a leading role in the application

## LAYING THE FOUNDATION

and creation of law. So when you come here, we expect you to lead your own scholarly quest: Find the subjects that have meaning for you, pursue the ideas that interest you, and design a legal education that challenges, excites, and motivates you to serve, lead, and love your life in the law. You chart your course; we provide the tools and support to make it all happen.



## Focus Your Learning

Duke Law allows students to design a course or research project for credit. **Ad hoc seminars** are student-developed, student-directed courses that explore specialized topics. You create the syllabus and course plan, get a professor to support the seminar, and set off on an intellectual query of your own design. Recent courses have included The Legal Aspects of Starting a Business; Gerrymandering; Securities Regulation; and Title IX: Campus Sexual Assault.

If you want to immerse yourself in a subject, consider designing a **capstone** or **independent research project**. Many students choose a project that integrates research and practice to help facilitate the transition into law practice or teaching. Recent projects have resulted in scholarly publications, the development of a guidebook for victims of domestic violence seeking protective orders, and a study examining why juveniles waive their appellate rights at a higher rate than adult criminal defendants.

“ The depth and breadth of courses offered at Duke Law continues to amaze me. There is a deep commitment to providing students with every opportunity to gain expertise in their area of interest.”



**Elisabeth de Fontenay**, an associate professor of law, teaches Business Associations, Corporate Finance, and Private Equity and Hedge Funds. She is a former corporate lawyer and joined the Duke Law faculty in 2013 after serving as a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School.



## THE CURRICULUM

Duke Law’s curriculum provides you with a solid foundation in the basics as well as ample opportunity to explore a range of theories and perspectives that will prepare you for leadership and success in the law. You’ll start with a comprehensive set of first-year courses in core legal subjects. In your second and third years, you’ll tailor a selection of

courses and seminars to your academic and career goals. Whether you want to be a corporate lawyer or a legal historian, an environmental advocate or a patent litigator, you’ll find courses that will steep you in substantive law and provide hands-on learning opportunities — taught, of course, by the leading professors in the field.

## FIRST-YEAR CURRICULUM

Civil Procedure

Constitutional Law

Contracts

Criminal Law

Property

Torts

Legal Analysis, Research  
and Writing

Foundations of Law



## Writing Matters

What does every employer want in a new associate? Someone who can *write* — clearly, crisply, persuasively. That’s why our first-year Legal Analysis, Research and Writing program is notoriously tough, and famously effective. The year-long program is taught in small sections by full-time faculty who also have had long careers as practitioners. Through writing assignments ranging from short office memos to trial and appellate briefs, students master sophisticated research skills, complex analysis, careful construction of legal arguments, and the special requirements of legal prose. And if writing is your passion, our menu of upper-division courses offers ample opportunity for you to further wax eloquent — succinctly, of course.

“Duke is an innovative institution that has bridged the barriers to cross-disciplinary collaboration. A dual degree lets you tap into the amazing intellectual energy here, and discover synergies with the law and your legal education.”



**Nita A. Farahany JD/MA '04, PhD '06**, a professor of law and philosophy, is a leading scholar on the ethical, legal, and social implications of biosciences and emerging technologies, particularly those related to neuroscience and behavioral genetics. She is the director of the Duke Initiative for Science & Society and the JD/MA in Bioethics and Science Policy. In 2010, Farahany was appointed by President Obama to the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues.



## THE DUKE DUAL DEGREE

Attending a great law school at a great university offers the opportunity to pursue two world-class degrees at once. About 15 percent of Duke Law students sign up for a dual degree, many choosing one of the school's signature programs: the JD/LLM in International and Comparative Law, the JD/LLM in Law and Entrepreneurship, and

the JD/MA in Bioethics and Science Policy. With more graduate students than undergraduates and a tradition of interdisciplinary teaching and scholarship, Duke University is uniquely focused on the needs of students who are engaged at the highest levels of academic study and research. Dual-degree programs are intense, but the benefits are plentiful: You'll satisfy all your intellectual interests and earn a second, highly respected Duke degree.

## DUAL DEGREES

**JD/LLM** (International and Comparative Law)\*

**JD/LLM** (Law and Entrepreneurship)\*

**JD/MA** (Bioethics and Science Policy)\*

**JD/MBA and Accelerated JD/MBA**  
(Business Administration and Law)

**JD/MEM** (Environmental Management and Law)

**JD/MPP** (Public Policy and Law)

**JD/MTS** (Theological Studies and Law)

**JD/MD** (Medicine and Law)

**JD/Master in Global Business Law**  
(A partnership between Duke and two top French universities)\*

\*Three-year degree program

## Interdisciplinary Opportunities

Duke's commitment to collaboration on campus has led to the creation of innovative interdisciplinary programs that bring together scholars, teachers, and students from across the university, including Duke Law.

Center for the Advancement of Social Entrepreneurship

Duke Global Health Institute

Duke Institute For Brain Sciences

Information Initiative at Duke (iID)

Duke Innovation & Entrepreneurship Initiative

Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute

Kenan Institute For Ethics

Nicholas Institute For Environmental Policy Solutions

Duke Initiative for Science & Society  
Social Science Research Institute

The Energy Initiative

Duke University Population Research Institute

“From the tech site visits to the impressive speakers to the lunch-time conversations, this program provided us with the opportunity to learn first-hand how many people are committed to changing the world, and that we can be a part of shaping the future if we set our minds to it.”



**Jeremy Muhlfelder JD/LLMLE '18** participated in the Duke summer entrepreneurship immersion program during his 1L summer, where students completed an elective course on the creation of a new venture. At Duke Law, Muhlfelder was a LEAD Fellow, co-founded the Law and Technology Society, and was vice president of sports for the Sports and Entertainment Law Society. Following graduation, he joined Wilson Sonsini in Palo Alto, Calif.



**THE DUKE JD/LLMLE: LAW AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Entrepreneurs are increasingly taking the lead in solving the social and economic challenges of our times, leveraging technology to address problems globally and locally. Duke's dual degree in Law and Entrepreneurship (JD/LLMLE) gives lawyers the business training necessary to succeed in this new legal landscape. In three years, the

program fuses law and business to steep you in the substantive differences between working with large, established companies and startup ventures. You'll consider legal structure, finance, intellectual property protection and licensing, regulatory constraints (and support), deal-making, taxation, risk management, and more, and emerge prepared to advise or lead a startup from launch to IPO and beyond.

**Perfectly Positioned**

Duke Law launched its Law and Entrepreneurship Program in 2010 with a one-year master's program (LLMLE) for lawyers looking to focus on entrepreneurial companies and the venture capital industry. The LLMLE blends rigorous coursework with a practicum that allows students to gain hands-on experience working in a local startup. The program builds on Duke Law's longstanding strengths in the fields of business law, intellectual property law, and innovation policy, and our close strategic ties to the vibrant entrepreneurial community of Durham and Research Triangle Park.



"The JD/LLMLE program has definitely opened doors for me that I wouldn't have otherwise known about, let alone entered. Through the immersion program I got connected with a health IT company in a Durham-based accelerator. The experience exposed me to interesting legal and business issues that emerging companies face on a practical level, and more importantly, introduced me to many of the really interesting folks in the impressive Triangle entrepreneurial community."

**Rose McKinley JD/LLMLE '17** is an associate at Cooley LLP in Palo Alto, Calif., where she spent her 2L summer.

**WHAT IS RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK?**

- A** A region in which scientists, mathematicians, and techies mysteriously disappear
- B** An amusement park celebrating geometry
- C** A 7,000-acre campus in Durham County, devoted to collaborative research and development among academics, policymakers, and business leaders. RTP is home to more than 170 high-tech organizations.

“ Duke’s willingness to work with me to facilitate my externship meant that I was able to take advantage of an amazing hands-on opportunity to learn the field of international criminal law and transitional justice. ”



**Menaka Nayar JD/LLM '14** spent her 3L fall semester in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, working for a United Nations judge who was assisting a tribunal trying members of the Khmer Rouge for genocide and other violations of international criminal law. After graduation she returned to Cambodia for a month-long internship before joining Linklaters in New York.



#### THE DUKE JD/LLM: INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

Duke Law's JD/LLM in International and Comparative Law prepares students for the increasingly international practice of law, whether in a law firm, a business, or the public sector. This unique dual-degree option combines rigorous legal training with in-depth study of global issues, opportunities to work and study abroad,

and focused mentoring, networking, and career development. Students complete requirements for both degrees in three years, and the summer after your first year of law school is usually split between study at our international institute in Leiden and The Hague and work in an overseas job placement.

#### STUDY INTERNATIONALLY

Each summer, Duke operates an institute in global and transnational law in Leiden and The Hague, the Netherlands. The institute enrolls students from Duke as well as from other U.S. law schools and the partner university, The University of Leiden, for a four-week intensive program. Duke faculty and guest faculty from around the world live in residential quarters with students and teach small, rigorous courses in areas such as comparative foreign relations law, international adjudication, and human rights litigation and advocacy.



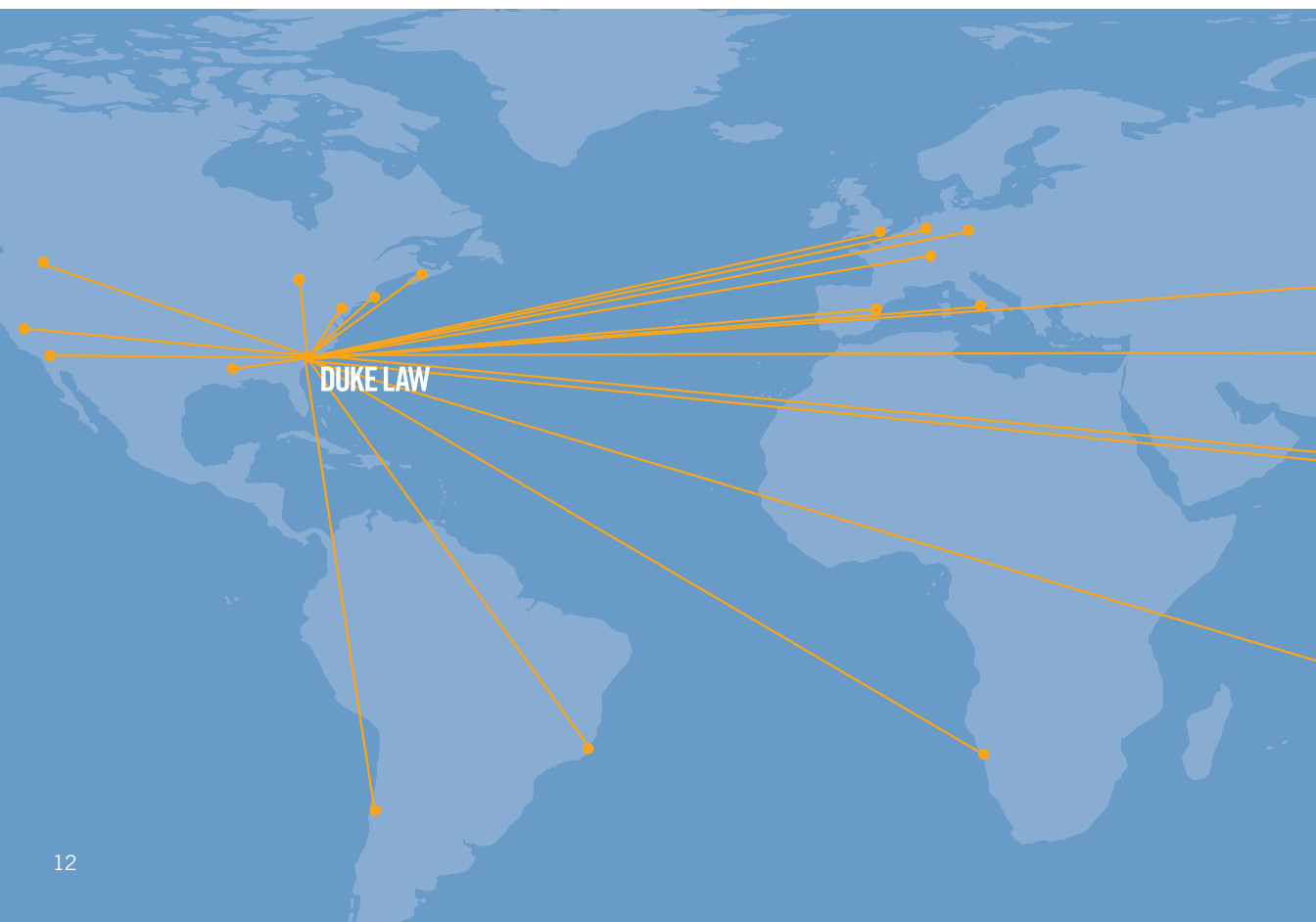
#### PRACTICE INTERNATIONALLY

In the five weeks before the summer institute begins, JD/LLM students often work overseas for a law firm, nonprofit organization, or business. Students also can earn credit for international externships during the second or third year of school. Our Office of International Studies provides extensive support for students interested in working abroad; if we don't already have a work opportunity available in your preferred area or location, we can help you create it.



#### BY THE NUMBERS

Percentage of Duke Law alumni living and working abroad:	16
Number of partner universities hosting Duke Law exchange programs:	19
Number of students who worked abroad during their 1L summer in 2017:	25
Opportunities to see the world:	Unlimited





## NO BOUNDARIES

Whether you are studying abroad, working for an international law firm, or immersing yourself in a comparative law course, you'll find ample opportunity to engage in the programs and courses that have helped distinguish Duke Law as a leader in international law. Work on the *Duke Journal of Comparative and International Law*, organize an ad hoc course and a service trip abroad, or just enjoy an exotic dish prepared by classmates during the annual International Food Fiesta; whatever you choose, you'll always have plenty of opportunities to enjoy a world of ideas right here at Duke.

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Center for International and Comparative Law

Center on Law, Ethics and National Security

Degree programs for international lawyers

*Duke Journal of Comparative and International Law*

Duke-Leiden Institute in Global and Transnational Law

Global Financial Markets Center

Global Law Workshop

International Human Rights Clinic

International Moot Court/Arbitration Competitions



“The Duke in D.C. program provides students with an opportunity to gain valuable experience outside the classroom, at the heart of where federal policymaking happens. The Duke Law faculty has immense experience serving at the highest levels of government and as a student I knew there was a lot to gain from working at the White House.”



**Robby Naoufal '14** was a law clerk at the Department of Justice during his 1L summer and spent his 2L summer at Hughes Hubbard & Reed in Washington, D.C., where he is now an associate.



#### DUKE IN D.C.

Duke Law provides a vast range of opportunities for you to apply your skills in real-world settings. The semester-long Duke in D.C. program combines a full-time externship with a D.C.-based course taught by Duke Law faculty. Through this ‘integrated externship’ model, you’ll gain

### BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

substantive legal knowledge through a rigorous course led by law and policy experts — and then apply that knowledge every day on the job. Developing an invaluable network of colleagues working in government service is a particular benefit, especially if you aim to launch your career on (or near) Capitol Hill.

#### RECENT DUKE IN D.C.

##### EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS:

Executive Office of the President,  
Office of Administration General  
Counsel

Future of Privacy Forum

Securities and Exchange  
Commission

International Finance Corporation

Public Defender Service of D.C.

Senate Banking Committee

Smithsonian Institution

U.S. Department of Justice: Civil  
Rights, Criminal, and National  
Security Divisions

World Bank


#### FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER EXTERNSHIP

Similar to Duke in D.C. is our Federal Public Defender integrated externship program, through which students work 16 hours a week in the Public Defender office in Raleigh. You’ll assist staff attorneys in research, prepare memos, and draft and even argue motions before magistrate judges; in the classroom, you’ll study the substantive law relating to your work and share insights with faculty and classmates.



#### TRADE SKIS FOR SKILLS

Who doesn’t love a two-day semester? Before spring semester starts, many Duke Law students choose to participate in **Wintersession**. Through short, intense courses such as Contract Drafting and Deposition Practice and Strategy, all taught by outstanding law practitioners, students develop specific skills and build their professional networks — all of which look better on your résumé than a ski trip to Aspen.

A woman with reddish-brown hair, wearing a black blazer over a white top, is smiling and speaking at a wooden podium. A microphone is positioned in front of her. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting.

“To have the chance to argue this in the D.C. Circuit, in front of such a distinguished panel of judges — it was an incredible opportunity.”

**Emily May '13** argued as an amicus curiae on behalf of the appellant in *Lesesne v. Doe* in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit through the Appellate Litigation Clinic. May also honed her advocacy skills through Mock Trial and Moot Court: She was the winner of Duke Law's Hardt Cup moot court competition for 1Ls and served on the Moot Court Board during her 2L and 3L years. Following graduation, she clerked for Judge Albert Diaz on the Fourth Circuit. She is now an assistant attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in Denver.



**CLINICAL EDUCATION AT DUKE**

Learning by doing is a central theme of a Duke Law education, and there's no better way to do it than by taking a clinic. We offer 11 distinct clinical programs housed in the Duke Legal Clinics, which operates as a public interest law firm. Students are involved in all aspects of their cases, from interviewing clients and witnesses and

conducting investigations to writing briefs and presenting arguments in court. Whether you are representing children with special needs in securing appropriate educational services or working with a nonprofit to meet a community's affordable housing needs, you will polish your professional skills, deepen your knowledge of the law, and help close critical legal gaps in the community.

**CLINICAL PROGRAMS**

Appellate Litigation

Children's Law

Civil Justice

Community Enterprise

Environmental Law and Policy

First Amendment

Health Justice

HIV/AIDS Policy

International Human Rights

Start-Up Ventures

Wrongful Convictions

**A Client Freed**

When LaMonte Armstrong, convicted of first-degree murder in 1995, was released from prison, he walked into the open arms of Duke Law faculty, students, and alumni who had worked for years to prove his innocence. Earlier that day, **David Pishko '77** and **Theresa Newman '88**, co-director of the school's Wrongful Convictions Clinic, had presented a judge with evidence of Armstrong's innocence — and the district attorney joined them in recommending his release. From the bench, Judge Joseph Turner complimented the Duke team and said releasing Armstrong was the “closest to knowing I’m doing justice, in my career, I will ever experience.” Working on Armstrong’s case was transformative for students: “Having something I can feel passionate about and work towards ... you’ve changed all of our lives as much as you think we’ve helped yours,” **Natasha Alladina '11** told Armstrong.

**Rights Protected**

Members of Duke Law’s International Human Rights Clinic, as part of a multi-year, ongoing collaboration with the United Nations, submitted a 150-page report to the U.N. special rapporteur on trafficking in persons in advance of a visit to the United States. Students, under the supervision of Clinical Professor Jayne Huckerby, the clinic director, assembled a comprehensive trove of data and patterns of human trafficking in the United States.

“Along with a number of other 2L *Alaska Law Review* editors, I had the amazing opportunity to travel to Alaska over fall break to meet with lawyers who rely on the journal in their practices. I was really impressed with the impact that the journal has on the people in that state.”



**Christian Vazquez '17**, a graduate of Yale University, served as articles editor of the *Alaska Law Review*. In the fall semester of his 3L year, he participated in the Alaska Law Review Symposium panel coordinated by the Alaska Bar Association and the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center. He is now an associate at Shearman & Sterling in New York.



## WRITE ON

Duke Law is home to eight student-edited scholarly journals, each with a strong reputation for excellence in its field. For many law students, these journals offer an opportunity to hone writing and editing skills, work collaboratively with classmates, and explore subjects that are personally and professionally interesting.

Participation on a journal is also a great way to prepare for a legal career.

## DUKE LAW JOURNALS (AND FOUNDING YEARS)

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Law & Contemporary Problems (1933)

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Duke Law Journal (1951)

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Alaska Law Review (1983)

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Duke Journal of Comparative & International Law (1990)

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Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum (1991)

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Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy (1994)

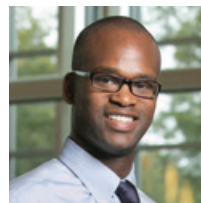
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Duke Law & Technology Review (2000)

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Duke Journal of Constitutional Law & Public Policy (2006)

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## Tradition Advanced

**Christopher Bryant '14** balanced the weight of more than 60 years of tradition and the pressing transition into digital publishing during his year as editor-in-chief of *Duke Law Journal*. A leader in open access, Duke Law was the first to provide free online access to its journals, and the *Duke Law and Technology Review* was the first online-only law journal in the country.

Bryant worked to move *DLJ* into a new era with a more interactive web presence and a new online journal, publishing journal articles as well as shorter pieces of scholarship. Bryant says his work on *DLJ* advanced both his writing and professional skills. "Being exposed to such a wide range of topics has helped me become more conversant about and make connections between varying legal subjects," says the Duke economics graduate and Teach for America alumnus. Another important benefit of journal work? Connections with classmates, he says: Those relationships "have proven to be incredibly valuable when looking for advice about course selection, clerkships, and studying."

Following graduation Bryant clerked for Judge James Wynn on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and Judge Richard Gergel on the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina. He is now an attorney at Yarborough Applegate in Charleston, S.C.



## HOW FAR IS JUNEAU, ALASKA, FROM DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA?

3,901 miles. Metaphorically, however, Alaska can be found right here at Duke. Since 1983, Duke Law School has held a contract with the Alaska Bar Association to produce a scholarly journal addressing the needs of Alaska's diverse legal community. Student editors travel to Alaska annually to meet with local legislators and attorneys to discuss issues such as land-use planning, environmental law, economic development, and Native American rights.



“On any given day, there are multiple lunchtime events here on topics ranging from career advice for practicing corporate law abroad to the effects of encryption on criminal and national security law.”



**Sarah Williamson Kirwin '17** attended a lunchtime discussion on civil-military relations in the 21st century with retired Gen. Martin E. Dempsey (above) sponsored by the Center on Law, Ethics and National Security. Dempsey — who served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's highest military officer, under President Obama — taught classes on business and public policy at Duke during 2016. Williamson is now an associate at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld in Washington, D.C.



## HOT TOPIC

**Financial Regulation**

Former Democratic Congressman Barney Frank and former Deputy Treasury Secretary Sarah Bloom Raskin discussed the state of financial regulation and the post-crisis evolution of the finance industry at an event co-sponsored by the Global Financial Markets Center and the Rethinking Regulation program at the Kenan Institute for Ethics. Both Frank and Raskin, a Duke University Rubenstein Fellow, agreed that the Senate's repeal of a rule that would have allowed consumers to file class-action lawsuits against banks reflected a significant setback. "In arbitration settings consumers win nine percent of the time," Raskin said. "To bring these cases under arbitration, it costs an average \$7,725. So the incentive to actually do something in arbitration is very much tilted in favor of the corporations and the firms."

## HOT TOPIC

**Reproductive Technology**

Justice Daphne Barak-Erez of the Supreme Court of Israel discussed how courts in different countries have dealt with disputes arising from in-vitro fertilization (IVF) when she delivered the annual Bernstein Memorial Lecture in Comparative Law. Barak-Erez observed that IVF raises novel legal questions, leading courts to frame disputes within familiar concepts and metaphors, such as those on property, contracts, or the sanctity of life. Comparative law, she said, is particularly useful to the analysis and resolution of questions touching on reproductive technology. "We are confronted here with questions that were dealt with by different legal systems around the same time ... and it is interesting to see where these systems were looking for solutions," she said.

**LUNCH AND LEARN**

The biggest challenge with day-to-day life at Duke Law might be finding enough time to do it all. The Law School hosts hundreds of events each year, from lunchtime speakers to multi-day academic conferences. Between the full slate of speakers and the activities of our student organizations, research centers, and administrative departments, you'll find your calendar packed like never before. Added benefit: Lunch is often provided.

**RESEARCH CENTERS**

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**Bolch Judicial Institute**

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**Center for Criminal Justice and Professional Responsibility**

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**Center for Innovation Policy**

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**Center for Institutional and Organizational Performance**

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**Center for International & Comparative Law**

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**Center for Law, Economics and Public Policy**

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**Center for the Study of the Public Domain**

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**Center on Law, Ethics and National Security**

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**Center on Law, Race and Politics**

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**Center for Sports Law and Policy**

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**Center on Law & Technology**

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**Global Financial Markets Center**

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**Program in Public Law**

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**Voices of American Law**

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**Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions**

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#### SCHOLARS AT WORK

Duke Law values knowledge in the service of society, and our professors and students tackle complex, real-world problems in the classroom and in their scholarly pursuits. You will

### BUILDING YOUR COMMUNITY

find courses and professors with expertise in just about every topic, but Duke is particularly known for leadership in these areas.



#### BEWARE OF BITCOIN

“At the first serious (and likely coordinated) move by governments to regulate or bank the digital currency, bitcoin’s price will crash to zero. Panicked owners will rush to exit and the bubble will burst. Bitcoin futures and options may just as well be based on pixies and fairies.”

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#### Professor Lawrence G. Baxter

studies the evolving regulatory environment for financial services and beyond. During a stint outside academia from 1995 to 2009, he held leadership positions with Wachovia Bank. He is faculty director of the Duke Law Global Financial Markets Center.



#### GINSBURG'S CRIMINAL LAW LEGACY

“Justice Ginsburg proceeds from the premise that what happens in court matters more than how defendants got there. Her opinions suggest that individuals can best confront the power of the state from within the criminal justice process. And where the right to be heard has been vindicated, then the adversarial system adequately protects equality and fairness.”

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#### Professor Lisa Kern Griffin,

a former federal prosecutor, has examined federal criminal justice policy and political corruption prosecutions in recent scholarship. She contributed a chapter, “Barriers to Entry and Justice Ginsburg’s Criminal Procedure Jurisprudence,” to *The Legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* (Cambridge University Press, 2015).



### DESIGNING A REGULATORY SYSTEM TO CURB CLIMATE CHANGE

“Through years of research and policy experimentation, we have learned a great deal about regulatory design. We know how to make the regulatory system better, stronger, and less costly. Climate policy offers the biggest challenge — and the best opportunity yet — to achieve systematic reforms that protect the environment more at less cost.”

#### Professor Jonathan Wiener

is an expert in U.S., European, and international environmental law and risk regulation. He developed U.S. and international environmental policy in positions at the White House Council of Economic Advisers, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the U.S. Department of Justice, in the administrations of both George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.



### CHALLENGES IN PATENT LAW

“The research is very clear that especially for small companies operating in the life-sciences space, the patent is the be-all and the end-all. Without a patent, small firms won’t get the venture capital they need for further development. But the counter-argument is that we don’t want to incentivize bad patents. The whole goal of the patent system is to provide incentives for good inventions, not trivial ones.”

**Professor Arti Rai** is an expert in patent law, law and the biopharmaceutical industry, innovation policy, and health care regulation. She has recently served as head of external affairs for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and is co-director of the Duke Law Center for Innovation Policy.



### GAUGING PRESIDENTIAL WAR POWERS

“Deciding issues of executive war powers requires contextual and pragmatic judgment rather than abstract classifications — whether they are liberal or conservative in character.”

**Professor Curtis Bradley** is an expert in international law and U.S. foreign relations law. His recent scholarship examines executive branch power and the use of international law in the U.S. legal system. He is co-editor, with Professor Laurence Helfer, of the *American Journal of International Law*, a member of the Secretary of State’s Advisory Committee on International Law, and a 2016 Andrew Carnegie Fellow.



### JUDICIAL ACTIVISM AND THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

“It is likely the case that the super-statute we once knew as the Voting Rights Act is no more and never to return. If so, we need to figure out what, if anything, can, will, or should replace it. But before figuring out where to go from here, we need to first understand how we arrived at the moment of its disintegration so as not to repeat the mistakes of the not-too-distant past.”

**Professor Guy-Uriel Charles** is an expert on voting rights, constitutional law, civil rights, and race, and the founding director of the Duke Center on Law, Race and Politics. He is a past member of the National Research Commission on Elections and Voting and the Century Foundation Working Group on Election Reform.





“Our doors  
are open  
to you.”

**Professor Doriane Coleman**, who teaches Torts and courses related to children and family law, sports law, trusts and estates, and genetics and the law, regularly hosts students in her home for seminars and social gatherings, along with her husband, **Professor James Coleman**, who teaches Criminal Law and courses related to wrongful convictions, death penalty, ethics, and appellate litigation. Students who have been lucky enough to take courses from both Colemans at once fondly refer to the experience as “Camp Coleman.”

## GET TO KNOW YOUR PROFS

Duke Law works hard to facilitate and support faculty-student interaction. We even designed our building with that goal in mind — faculty spaces are situated steps away from classrooms to encourage discussions that spill over from class to the professor's office. In such a close-knit community, you are likely to find yourself working

at a professor's dining room table to fine-tune an amicus brief or striking up an impromptu conversation about your Torts readings when you run into your professor at the grocery store. Professors are colleagues, mentors, and friends to students — during your time at Duke Law and long afterward.

"I believe our relationship with students is lifelong. I've had several alumni come back to talk to my classes about their work at the Department of Justice or at the SEC. I enjoy that I am able to provide some guidance to students and graduates as they pursue their interests as well as take advantage of their expertise and experiences for the benefit of my classes and my own work."

**Professor Sara Beale** specializes in federal criminal law and crime, politics, and the media.

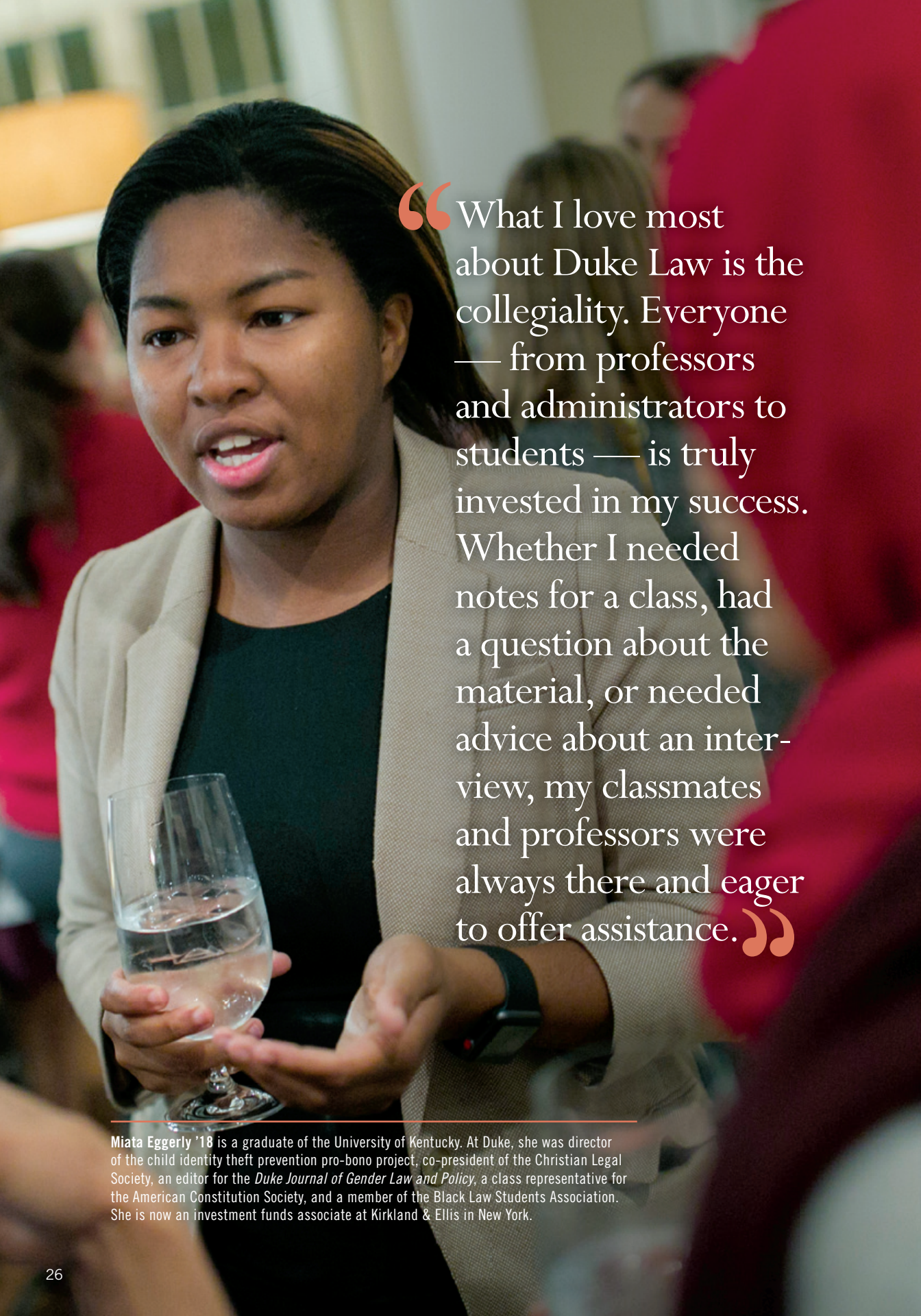
"In our law clinics, faculty and students work side by side as colleagues. We brainstorm solutions together, travel to clients together, celebrate successes together, and constantly learn from each other. Because this kind of collaboration defined my time as a student here at the Law School, I now can't imagine teaching in any other way."

**Associate Clinical Professor Jeff Ward '09** is director of the Center on Law & Technology.

"Students and faculty at Duke Law collaborate in many inspiring ways. When I first came to Duke Law, we started 'Dedicated to Durham' to help bring students and faculty together in service to our community. Now the students lead it every year, and it has become a remarkable expression of our shared commitment to building community within the Law School and with our neighbors. It's one way we show that a life in the law is a life in public service."

**Professor Jonathan Wiener**, an expert in environmental law and policy, helped create AmeriCorps when he worked in the White House Office of National Service in 1993.





“What I love most about Duke Law is the collegiality. Everyone — from professors and administrators to students — is truly invested in my success. Whether I needed notes for a class, had a question about the material, or needed advice about an interview, my classmates and professors were always there and eager to offer assistance.”

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**Miata Eggerly '18** is a graduate of the University of Kentucky. At Duke, she was director of the child identity theft prevention pro-bono project, co-president of the Christian Legal Society, an editor for the *Duke Journal of Gender Law and Policy*, a class representative for the American Constitution Society, and a member of the Black Law Students Association. She is now an investment funds associate at Kirkland & Ellis in New York.



## CLASSMATES AND COLLEAGUES

Duke Law attracts students who want to work with others, students who share a passion for intellectual curiosity and problem-solving. The American Bar Association has cited Duke Law's student culture as among the strongest in the country, thanks in part to our emphasis on the values set forth in the Duke Law Blueprint to

LEAD. These values — such as “embody integrity” and “build relationships” — inform everything from the development of courses to the atmosphere in which we work.

“My classmates really make my experience at Duke Law exceptional. The atmosphere is incredibly collegial, and I know I can turn to any of them, as well as the professors, with a question about the material, for advice concerning employment, or just as the great friends that they've become.”

**Thayne Stoddard '14**  
Yale University undergrad

“The most invaluable part of Duke Law for me was the community. Not only were the students welcoming, but I also found the professors and administrators to truly be invested in my success. Although these three years are challenging, being surrounded by people who truly care about your professional and personal well-being is priceless.”

**Lauren Myers '17**  
Duke University undergrad

“The most exciting part of my academic experience has been the ability to dive deep into legal questions on a one-on-one basis with professors. Their doors are truly always open. This kind of access is unprecedented for me, even though I went to a private liberal arts college.”

**Jennifer Ying Lan JD/MBA '13**  
Harvard University undergrad


“The best part about being a student leader at Duke Law is that the administration and faculty are always going to be there to support you, but they're never going to tell you how to do your job. It provides this fantastic growth opportunity for you as a person, a leader, and as a professional.”

**Jana Kovich JD/LLM '15**  
Indiana University undergrad



## WHAT IS THE DUKE LAW BLUEPRINT TO LEAD?

The Blueprint is a set of characteristics we think define a strong and successful leader: engage intellectually, embody integrity, lead with intention, build relationships, serve the community, live with purpose.

A woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a dark blue blazer over a bright pink button-down shirt and a dark skirt, is walking on a city sidewalk. She is holding a brown leather folder under her left arm. The background shows a busy city street with cars, traffic lights, and tall buildings.

“As a young lawyer, I’ve come to realize how important professionalism is in succeeding in a law firm. Learning how to partner with others as well as how to manage one’s own stress can be difficult, but Duke Law provides many opportunities to practice and refine these skills before shipping students out into the ‘real world.’”

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**Sandra Lee '14** is an associate with Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in New York. At Duke, she served as a LEAD fellow welcoming the new 1L class, was an editor of the *Duke Journal of Constitutional Law & Public Policy*, and worked as a student-attorney for the Community Enterprise clinic.

## COMMITTED TO YOUR SUCCESS

In the competitive legal job market, Duke Law graduates are in demand because they are known as leaders, clear thinkers, and excellent writers who are ready to serve as effective advocates from day one. Our Career and Professional Development Center provides a vast array of

## LAUNCHING YOUR CAREER

resources and programs designed to help you find the best opportunities, no matter what location or field you choose. In fact, everyone at Duke Law is dedicated to helping you launch your career. Faculty members provide guidance and networking contacts; alumni serve as mentors and regularly recruit Duke Law grads. We can't promise it will be easy. But we do promise to work with you every step of the way, for as long as needed, to help you achieve your goals.

## Fast facts

Duke Law ranked first among all U.S. law schools for the percentage of 2017 graduates employed in legal jobs, according to the *National Law Journal*.

Duke Law grads had one of the highest first-time bar passage rates in the country in 2017 — 97.65 percent passed, according to data from the American Bar Association.

More than 3,600 on-campus interviews were conducted with 200 second-year students during fall 2017. Students averaged 16-20 interviews each; many received multiple offers.

## Class of 2017 Employment BY SECTOR

Law Firms	68.4%
Business	1.3%
Government	4.0%
Public Interest	1.7%
Clerkship	20.0%
Academia	1.7%

## Total Clerkships\* 2017-18 TERM

Federal Courts	58
State Courts	15

\*Reported by alumni from all graduating classes.

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LAUNCHING  
YOUR  
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GETTING THERE FROM HERE

Duke Law has more than 11,000 alumni working across the United States and in 68 countries around the world. Our alumni are famous for their lifelong, die-hard loyalty to Duke — and to fellow Duke Law graduates. They are mentors, colleagues, and employers, and they are eager to advise you as you launch your life in the law.

**Class of 2017 Employment  
BY REGION**

Northeast	39.7%
Mid-Atlantic	14.6%
South Atlantic	10.5%
Midwest	7.3%
South	14.6%
West	10.5%
International	2.7%



USE YOUR DUKE CONNECTIONS

“The Duke brand is an extremely powerful networking tool worldwide. Duke alumni remain loyal to the institution decades after graduation. Use your Duke connections, call them up anywhere in the world, and they will be ecstatic to hear from you.”



**Slavik Gabinsky '10** is chief international counsel for Sberbank in Moscow. He says the course that best prepared him for international practice was Negotiations, because it helped him learn to understand and communicate with people from disparate cultural backgrounds — a skill he calls one of the most important assets a young law school graduate can have in today's global economy.



TAKE A COURSE THAT FEEDS  
YOUR CREATIVITY

“My Trial Practice class was very useful in preparing me for my first assignment. Business Associations and Commercial Transactions obviously have helped me in understanding our clients' different businesses and the regulatory and legal frameworks under which they operate. However, classes like Law and Literature, as well as Con Law, have been the most ‘useful’ because they have provided fodder for conversation and creative perspective both in and out of the office.”



**Lindsay Andrews JD/LLM '10** was a member of the *Duke Law Journal* and the Mock Trial Board and studied at the University of Hong Kong and ESADE in Barcelona, Spain. She is the vice president of Sard Verbinen & Co in San Francisco.



### PURSUE YOUR PASSION FOR SERVICE

“There are a lot of opportunities to get involved as a student in public interest activities, and there are a lot of public interest organizations and law firms who are happy to have Duke Law students intern or extern with them. That’s what I was looking for when I came to Duke and that’s what I found when I got here.”



**Joanna Darcus '12** is a racial justice fellow for the National Consumer Law Center in Boston, where she is a member of the student loan and litigation teams. At Duke Law, she took advantage of multiple public service opportunities, including Duke Law Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and the Innocence Project, and received two summer public interest grants to pursue public interest positions.



### FIND MENTORS WHO INSPIRE YOU

“For me it was inspiring that, at Duke, some of the very best faculty members are women. There’s something about seeing people who look like you, in this case women, doing things you hope to do one day, that makes your chances of doing those things seem more realistic. And that really serves as a catalyst for working hard.”



**Sarah Boyce '12** was editor-in-chief of the *Duke Law Journal*. She completed a clerkship on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, a Bristow Fellowship in the Department of Justice, and a clerkship on the Supreme Court for former Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. She is now an associate at Munger, Tolles & Olson in Washington, D.C.



### GET A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

“The international summer institute was an incredible experience, not just because I was able to spend a month taking international courses with both Duke and foreign professors, but also because I was able to associate with LLMs and JDs from other parts of the world. That was absolutely critical, not only in forging connections with lawyers practicing in other countries, but also because I learned to appreciate different perspectives — global perspectives on the law.”



**Tatiana Sainati JD/LLM '13** is a litigation associate at Wiley Rein in Washington, D.C. At Duke Law, she worked with the Health Justice Clinic and HIV/AIDS Policy Clinic. She completed a post-graduate clerkship with Judge M. Margaret McKeown on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

“Duke Law School’s students are extremely talented and motivated, its faculty and staff are devoted teachers, researchers, and professionals, and its alumni are passionate in their devotion to the school and their contributions to the legal profession and beyond.”



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Kerry Abrams is the James B. Duke and Benjamin N. Duke Dean of Duke Law School. She was appointed on July 1, 2018. Prior to her appointment, Dean Abrams served on the law faculty of the University of Virginia for 13 years, and most recently was vice provost for faculty affairs. She is a leading national authority in both immigration law and family law.



A close-up, profile shot of a woman with dark skin and long dreadlocks. She is wearing a brown headscarf and a grey sweater over a light-colored top. She is smiling broadly, looking towards the left. The background is a blurred bookshelf filled with books. The lighting is warm and soft.

LIVE AT DUKE

**DUKE LAW**



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“If you’re considering Duke, it means you’re considering several amazing schools. It often comes down to lifestyle, student culture, cost, and other intangibles. When you consider Duke’s beautiful weather, thoughtful and considerate students, engaged faculty, affordable cost-of-living, small class size, and breadth of activities both at school and in the community, why would you go anywhere else?”

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**Megan Treseder '13** served as managing editor of the *Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum* and a Durham County guardian ad litem volunteer. A University of Utah graduate, she spent her 1L summer interning for **Christine Durham '71**, then chief justice of the Utah Supreme Court. When she wasn't "bent studiously over a casebook," she explored Durham's many dining options with her husband. She is now an associate at Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti in Morristown, New Jersey.





LIVING  
IN  
DURHAM



## LOVE YOUR LIFE

Duke Law is serious about academics. But we also are serious about creating “whole lawyers,” people whose lives and interests and work complement each other. Here, you’ll find a community of people who are as passionate about life as they are about their studies. We are lawyers, learners, leaders, community servants, runners, kayakers, baseball fanatics,

basketball extremists, foodies, filmmakers, musicians, parents, partners, entrepreneurs, idealists, skeptics, news junkies, teachers, and artists — and everything in between. We balance hard work with fun, intellectual engagement and purposeful living. At Duke Law, we firmly believe you can have it all.

If you’re looking for an eclectic, well-rounded city with great restaurants, abundant entertainment options, affordable (and hip) housing, and easy access to the beach, mountains, and forested running trails, Durham is your place.

## FAVORITE SPOTS

**The Parlour** (frequently changing menu of handmade ice cream)

**Cat’s Cradle** (legendary Carrboro music club)

**Taqueria la Vaquita** (try tacos al pastor with pineapple)

**Sushi Love** (walk to the best sushi in town from the Law School)

**The Green Room** (lots of pool tables, cheap beer, great jukebox)

**Guglhupf** (German pastries and lovely patio seating)

**The Federal** (pub food at its finest)

**Washington Duke Inn** (luxury hotel and golf course just steps from Duke Law)

**Cafe Love** (organic vegan eats)

**Blue Point Yoga** (find your kundalini, just off campus)

**Durham Farmer’s Market** (year-round offerings from local farmers)

**Tandoor Indian Restaurant** (the favorite of a number of good Indian restaurants)

**Maple View Farms** (enjoy homemade ice cream in a rocker overlooking the farm)

**The Durham** (downtown hotel with an amazing rooftop bar)

**Bull McCabe’s** (Durham’s favorite watering hole)

**Durham Bulls Athletic Park** (the bull’s eyes really do turn red for home runs)

**Dashi** (Japanese ramen shop and izakaya)

**The Regulator** (favorite independent bookstore)

**The Pit** (for North Carolina BBQ)

**Elmo’s** (a diner with the best grits in town)

**Durham Performing Arts Center** (Broadway quality, off-Broadway prices)





“Durham has a small-city feel but still manages to have all the big-city necessities, like great restaurants and bars.”

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**Virginia Chiao '16**, a graduate of the University of Michigan, was an executive board member of the Mock Trial Board and American Constitution Society. She is now an associate with K&L Gates in Chicago, where she spent her 2L summer.



## LIVE BETTER ON A BUDGET

Choosing a place to live in Durham will likely be a pleasurable process, particularly if you’ve lived in Chicago, New York, Boston, or another major U.S. city. Housing options and the amenities of urban life are plentiful near Duke: You can choose from traditional apartment complexes (most come with pools, exercise facilities, and on-site laundry),

urban lofts in transformed tobacco warehouses (usually within steps of restaurants, coffee shops, and retail), and homes and condominiums for rent. Many say they live better here — on a budget — than they ever have.

### COST OF LIVING\*

Washington, D.C.	\$28,750
Chicago	\$27,969
New York	\$27,500
Los Angeles	\$26,703
Philadelphia	\$24,620
Durham	\$22,948

*Three-year savings if you live in Durham instead of Washington, D.C.: \$17,406*

\* based on 2017-18 budgets for room and board plus miscellaneous expenses at selected law schools



### HOUSE SWEET HOME

“After living in a studio the size of a walk-in closet in New York City, the cost of living in Durham was a welcome relief. My king-sized bed in Durham rivaled the size of my entire apartment back in Chelsea.”

**Jennifer Ying Lan JD/MBA '13**, a graduate of Harvard University, served as co-president of the Duke Business Law Society, a LEAD fellow, and a Moot Court Board member. She is now an associate with Davis Polk & Wardwell’s capital markets practice in New York.



## QUALITY OF LIFE

North Carolina regularly ranks among the nation's top states to live in, and with good reason: It offers a temperate climate, affordable cost of living, pristine natural resources, close proximity to the major cities of the East Coast, and a refreshing mix of urban high-life and outdoor activities.



## Get Out of Town

At Duke, it's easy to head out of town for a weekend getaway or a job interview. You can drive to the beach or the mountains in a few hours, and the Raleigh-Durham airport offers plenty of quick flights.

### DRIVE TIME FROM DURHAM TO:

Raleigh (state capital)	25 minutes
Wrightsville Beach	2 ½ hours
Great Smoky Mountains	3 hours

### FLIGHT TIME FROM RDU TO:

Washington, D.C.	55 minutes
New York	1 hour, 15 minutes
Chicago	1 hour, 45 minutes
Atlanta	1 hour, 19 minutes

## Enjoy the Sun

North Carolina offers four distinct seasons, all temperate and gorgeous. Except for a couple of too-cold weeks and a couple of too-hot weeks, you'll find yourself enjoying our great outdoors most days of the year.

### AVERAGE HIGH TEMPERATURES

	Mar.	Nov.
Chicago	47	49
New York	48	52
Washington, D.C.	56	57
Durham	62	62

### AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL

Chicago	38.5 inches
New York	26 inches
Washington, D.C.	22.3 inches
Durham	7.5 inches



## WE'RE NO. 1!

Durham makes regular appearances on lists of the nation's top places to live, eat, and work. Among our accolades: "The South's Tastiest Town" (Southern Living, 2013); **No. 1** on "America's Most Tolerant Cities" (*The Daily Beast*, 2012); **No. 1** "Cities for Working Women" (Forbes, 2015); **No. 2** "Cities for Tech Jobs" (Fast Company, 2015); **No. 7** "Best Place to Live in the U.S." (U.S. News & World Report, 2017).





“Watching the NCAA championship game in Cameron and standing next to the bonfire with my classmates will certainly be among the most memorable experiences of my time here. It was surreal standing on the court hearing the final buzzer and probably the best study break I could have ever imagined.”

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**David Friedman '17** was one of thousands of students who gathered at Cameron Indoor Stadium to watch Duke's men's basketball team win the 2015 NCAA championship, its fifth national title. He is an associate at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy in New York.

## GO BLUE DEVILS!

Duke University is one of the world's premier research institutions. It's also a world in itself, offering a plethora of activities and programs that will help you balance your law studies with soul-feeding, entertaining, and heart-pounding activities: Enjoy our verdant campus

## HAVING FUN

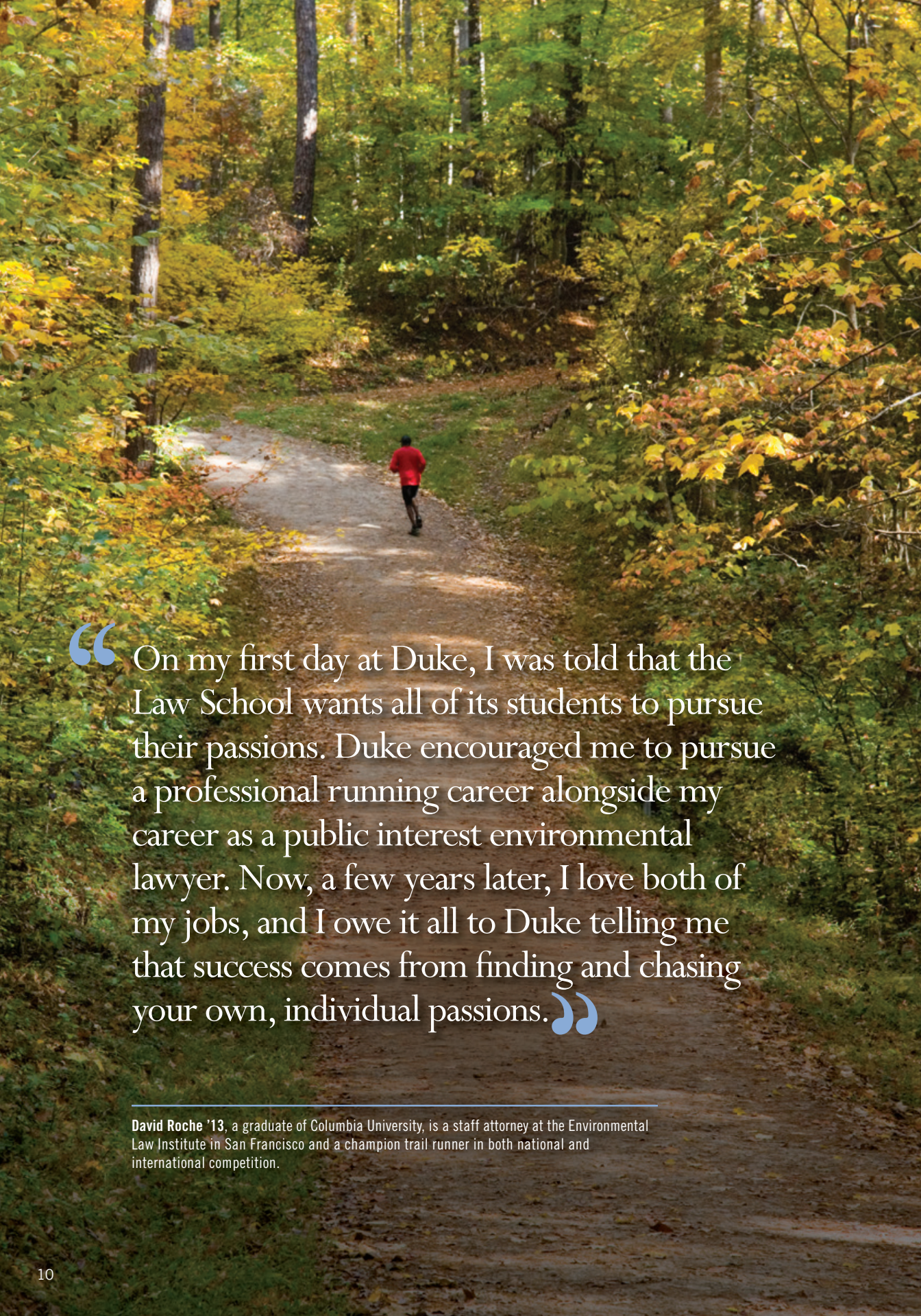
in the midst of Duke Forest; sample our wide range of campus eateries and sports facilities; enjoy world-class arts and music programs; partake in our diverse spiritual community; and cheer (or weep) for our venerated athletes.



## Duke by the Numbers

9,319	graduate students
6,609	undergraduate students
60	interdisciplinary institutes
10	schools
1,395	acres on three campuses
7,200	acres in Duke Forest
30	miles of running, walking, hiking, and biking trails in Duke Forest
1	neo-Gothic Chapel
50	bells in the Chapel carillon
55	campus restaurants
6	million volumes in the Duke libraries
16	national championships since 1986
54	intramural sports
6	art galleries
1	Blue Devil, Duke's beloved mascot
8	performing arts venues
21	varieties of water lilies in Duke Gardens, a 55-acre 'jewel' in the heart of Duke's campus.
250	<b>lemurs living on campus in the largest university-based research facility dedicated to endangered prosimian primates</b>



A person wearing a red shirt and dark pants is running away from the camera on a dirt path that winds through a forest. The trees are covered in vibrant autumn foliage, with leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and green. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating dappled light on the path. The path is made of dirt and is covered with fallen leaves.

“ On my first day at Duke, I was told that the Law School wants all of its students to pursue their passions. Duke encouraged me to pursue a professional running career alongside my career as a public interest environmental lawyer. Now, a few years later, I love both of my jobs, and I owe it all to Duke telling me that success comes from finding and chasing your own, individual passions.”

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**David Roche '13**, a graduate of Columbia University, is a staff attorney at the Environmental Law Institute in San Francisco and a champion trail runner in both national and international competition.





## Super Bowl

“The Duke Law Bowling League is a great way to kick back once a week and test your bowling ‘skills’ against your fellow students and faculty as well. And since everyone gets a handicap, no actual skill is required!”

**Nick Atallah '14** led the Duke Law Bowling League during its 2012-13 season.

## GET INVOLVED

Whether you are interested in corporate law or death penalty reform, gourmet food or sports, you are likely to find classmates and faculty at Duke Law who share your passions. Duke Law is home to North Carolina’s largest bowling league — if you think Professor Tom Metzloff might be tough in the classroom, just wait until you see him bowl — and a variety of other student organizations that don’t require ugly shoes.

## DUKE LAW STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

American Civil Liberties Union

American Constitution Society

Asian Pacific American Law Students Association

Black Law Students Association

Business Law Society

Christian Legal Society

Coalition Against Gendered Violence

De Vinimis - Duke Law Wine & Etiquette Club

Duke Bar Association

Duke Criminal Law Society

Duke Education Law and Policy Society

Duke Environmental Law Society

Duke Immigrant and Refugee Project

Duke Law Basketball

Duke Law Democrats

Duke Law Feminist Collective

Duke Law Israel Experience

Duke Law Run Club

Duke Law Veterans

Fashion Law Society

Federalist Society

Guardian Ad Litem

Government and Public Service Society

Health Law Society

Hispanic Law Students Association

Human Rights Law Society

If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice

Innocence Project

International Law Society

J. Reuben Clark Society

Jewish Law Students Association

Law & Economics Society

Law & Entrepreneurship Society

Law & Technology Society

Law Students for Accessibility

Law Students for Life

Mock Trial Board

Moot Court Board

Muslim Law Students Association

National Security Law Society

Off the Record A Capella

OutLaw

Public Interest Law Foundation

The SJD Association

South Asian Law Students Association

Southern Justice Spring Break

Sports and Entertainment Law Society

Street Law


Student Animal Legal Defense Fund

Transactional Law Competition Board

Veterans Assistance Project

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Women Law Students Association

A woman wearing a blue baseball cap and a grey tank top is crouching in a field of green leafy plants, likely a community farm. She is reaching into the plants, possibly harvesting. A blue backpack with a logo is on her back. A bright green bucket with the word "HARVEST" written on it sits on the ground next to her. In the background, another person in a red shirt is visible among the plants. The scene is outdoors with trees and a clear sky in the distance.

“Engaging in public service connects me to life outside the Law School and reminds me why I’m here: to learn how to effectively serve others and advocate for justice.”

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**Priya Khangura '17**, a graduate of the University of Michigan, volunteered at a local community farm during a Dedicated to Durham event. Before coming to Duke she headed a program that brings fresh produce to families in need. She is now serving a two-year clerkship for a federal judge in the Middle District of Florida in Orlando.



## GIVE BACK

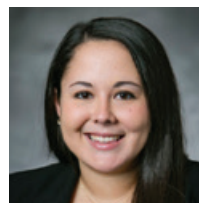
Serving the community is a way of life at Duke Law. We view it as part of our responsibility as law students, lawyers, community leaders, and good citizens. You can participate in a range of programs through the Office of Public Interest and Pro Bono that allow you to apply your legal

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

skills in ways that serve the community. If you plan a career in public service, you can take advantage of supportive mentors, vast career-planning resources, and financial support from our Loan Repayment Assistance Program. Or simply sign up for a “Dedicated to Durham” outing and spend an afternoon clearing hiking trails or painting schools. However you choose to do it, we encourage you to serve — both for the good you’ll do for others and the good you’ll do for yourself.

## Public Interest by the Numbers 2017-18

45,326	Hours of public service contributed by the Class of 2018 over three years, including clinics, externships, and pro bono
76	Percent of the Class of 2018 who contributed 50 or more hours during their three years at Duke Law
132	Students enrolled in clinics
101	Students who received summer public interest funding in 2018
73	Students who received public interest summer fellowships in 2017
9	Stanback Fellowships awarded for 2018 summer work in environmental law
\$405,275	Total funds awarded in 2018 for summer public service



### Service Oriented

A number of Duke Law graduates have received prestigious postgraduate fellowships for public service work. **Eleni Bakst '17** was awarded a two-year Equal Justice Works fellowship, sponsored by the Ottinger Foundation. She is working to establish a medical-legal partnership to benefit immigrant families and unaccompanied children, and to augment medical and mental health services available to immigrant families and unaccompanied minors on Long Island, where the partnership is based.



“Service programs like VITA are a great way for Duke Law students to get involved in the Durham community outside of the Law School while learning skills that will be useful in the future.”



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**Natalie LaFlamme '14** participated in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which provides tax preparation help to low-income taxpayers and foreign students. One of Duke Law's largest pro bono organizations, VITA assisted with more than 500 tax filings in 2018.

## **STUDENT LED, SERVICE CENTERED**

Duke Law's Office of Public Interest and Pro Bono helps coordinate and support a wide range of public interest programs, most of which are conceived, developed, and led by students. With 20 to 25 Duke-sponsored programs operating in any given year plus externship and volunteer placements in more than 55 community organiza-

tions, Duke Law is sure to have a service opportunity that piques your interest and responds to a critical community need.

**LEARN MORE AT [LAW.DUKE.EDU/PUBLICINTEREST](http://LAW.DUKE.EDU/PUBLICINTEREST)**

## **Funding Public Interest**

Duke Law is committed to making public service financially feasible — both during and long after law school. The Dean's Summer Service Grant Program and Public Interest Law Foundation, along with several donor-funded programs, provide guaranteed grants and stipends for summer public interest work to all students who meet the eligibility requirements. The Law School's Loan Repayment Assistance Program provides loan payment assistance to graduates making \$75,000 or less; graduates who make \$60,000 or less for 10 years after law school are eligible for total loan forgiveness through a combination of Duke's LRAP and federal programs. The school also assists students and alumni seeking private and post-graduate fellowships for public interest work; growing interest in and support for such programs has helped Duke Law students capture a number of highly regarded post-graduate fellowships in recent years.

## **SOME RECENT PROJECTS**

**Coalition Against Gendered Violence**  
**Guardian ad Litem**  
**Immigration Education Project**  
**Innocence Project**  
**Iraqi Asylum Support Project**  
**Legal Aid of North Carolina Ambassador Certification Program**  
**JusticeMatters**  
**Mediation Project**  
**Refugee Asylum Support Project**  
**Social Enterprise Law Project**  
**Street Law**  
**Teen Court**  
**Veteran's Disability Assistance Project**  
**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**



“At Duke, I learned to listen and internalize others’ experiences like never before. The lessons I learned here both inside and outside the classroom taught me so much about being a lawyer who strives to serve those around them instead of themselves.”



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**David Kuwabara '18** was a LEAD fellow, president of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, and the student representative on the Entry Level Appointments Committee at Duke Law. Following graduation, he joined the New York office of Bracewell LLP.

Leadership is a critical component of a Duke Law education and a fully engaged life in the law. Our “Blueprint to LEAD” outlines the values we think are critical for leadership — engage intellectually, embody integrity, lead with intention, build relationships, serve the community, live with purpose — and we incorporate these ideals in our curriculum, programs, and interactions with each other. By articulating these ideals and living them, by supporting and encouraging creativity, and by giving you the tools to accomplish your goals, we believe we will set you on course to achieve extraordinary things.



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