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PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.  
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University  
of Akron





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< \$25,000

ANNUAL TUITION AND FEES FOR BOTH OHIO RESIDENTS  
AND NON-RESIDENTS

Top 50

RANKINGS FOR IP LAW, TRIAL ADVOCACY,  
AND PART-TIME STUDIES;  
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, 2020

91%

EMPLOYMENT WITHIN 10 MONTHS  
OF GRADUATION  
(SPRING 2018 J.D. RECIPIENTS)

Top 10 Ranking

FOR LEGAL-SKILLS COMPETITIONS;  
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, 2019

~ 90%

ULTIMATE (TWO-YEAR)  
BAR PASSAGE RATE

*Akron Law has been ranked among the best schools  
in preparing students to pass the bar and among  
the top schools in Ohio for bar passage.*



THROUGH OUR AFFORDABLE AND  
TOP-RANKED PROGRAMS, LIVE-CLIENT CLINICS,  
INTERNSHIPS AND EXTERNSHIPS, AND  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP-WINNING  
LEGAL-SKILLS TEAMS, WE'VE BEEN CREATING  
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS SINCE 1921 —  
PREPARING STUDENTS TO PASS THE BAR,  
START THEIR CAREERS AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND BEYOND.

C. Blake McDowell Law Center  
School of Law



90% OF OUR  
FULL-TIME FACULTY  
HAVE LEGAL-PRACTICE  
EXPERIENCE

## *Real-World* PERSPECTIVES

*Our completely renovated facility features state-of-the-art classrooms and a gorgeous central atrium with a fireplace and café.*



**At Akron Law, our commitment to our students' success begins with an outstanding faculty of leading scholars, teachers and practitioners.** Our students learn from and are inspired by exceptional professors who love teaching and who bring a wealth of real-world experi-

ence and scholarly knowledge to every lecture, clinic and one-on-one meeting.

We believe in preparing our graduates for practice as completely as possible. That is why we offer numerous skills-focused electives and weave skills development into the core curriculum. Our professors understand both legal theory and law practice. They have written leading textbooks and published in law journals. And they have served as prosecutors, White House staff members, and as law firm partners on Main Street and on Wall Street. Akron Law students comment that their

## AREAS OF STUDY AND RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Advocacy & Dispute Resolution

Business Law

Constitutional Law

Criminal Law

Family Law

Health Law

Intellectual Property Law

International Law

Social Justice Law

Wealth Management Law



professors foster a vibrant intellectual environment and provide them with a top-tier educational experience inside and outside of the classroom. Not only does Akron Law prepare you to graduate with a foundation in the essential skills needed to practice law or succeed in other professional settings, but we continually adapt to both your individual needs and those of the marketplace.

"YOU HAVE ONE OF THE TOP  
IP PROGRAMS IN THE NATION ...  
THE PROGRAM YOU HAVE  
HERE IS AMAZING."

DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE ANDREI IANCU AT THE  
2019 AKRON LAW IP SYMPOSIUM



**RANKED HIGHEST** AMONG OHIO  
LAW SCHOOLS FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY,  
IP LAW (TIED), AND PART-TIME STUDIES;  
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, 2020

## FIND YOUR *Passion* HERE

**Akron Law gives you the classroom instruction, tools and expertise you need to succeed in any area of the law.** Our popular Trial Advocacy program, ranked among the top 50 in the country by U.S. News & World Report (2020), prepares students — both in the classroom and the courtroom — to become skilled and confident litigators and advocates.

Our Intellectual Property (IP) Law program — the only top-50 IP program (U.S. News, 2020) with annual tuition less than \$25,000 — is among the most comprehensive in the nation, with 30 IP-related courses and two attorney-

supervised IP client clinics. Students interact with the Akron Law IP Advisory Council, a body of IP experts from around the world. They also participate in events including the annual IP Symposium, IP Scholars Forum and lunch-and-learn sessions with distinguished IP practitioners.

Akron Law students interested in exploring non-U.S. legal systems can take advantage of our expanding international and comparative law curriculum, visiting foreign scholars, study abroad opportunities, and the chance to learn alongside foreign lawyers enrolled in our two-year international J.D. program.

**FIRST YEAR  
FOUNDATION COURSES**

**Civil Procedure I and II**  
**Contracts**  
**Criminal Law**  
**Legal Analysis, Research, and  
Writing I and II**  
**Legislation and Regulation**  
**Property**  
**Torts**



*The annual IP Symposium is just one of many events where students are able to network with practicing attorneys and leading scholars.*

Our programs in Criminal Law and Constitutional Law have a longstanding record of preparing students for successful careers as prosecutors, defense attorneys, and government and public-interest lawyers.

At Akron Law, we strive to instill in all our students a passion for justice and a desire to serve underrepresented populations. Our popular social justice initiatives, including the Social Justice Fellows program, offer support to students interested in pursuing a career in this area.



**50+ SPEAKERS, CONFERENCES,  
LUNCH-AND-LEARNS AND SIMILAR  
EVENTS EACH YEAR**

**5,600 HOURS OF PRO BONO  
SERVICE CONTRIBUTED BY OUR  
STUDENTS IN 2018-19**

**500+ CLIENTS SERVED ANNUALLY  
BY OUR CLINICS**

## GO *Beyond* THE CLASSROOM

### AKRON LAW LEGAL CLINICS

Civil Litigation Clinic

Domestic Relations  
Court Clinic

Health Law and Policy Clinic

Immigration and Human  
Rights Law Clinic

Reentry Clinic

SEED Clinic

Trademark Clinic



*Reentry Clinic students Steve Hooten (standing) and Michael Martin help a client apply to have her convictions sealed.*

*Below: A Summer Trial Academy student argues a mock case.*

**Akron Law offers students an array of experiential learning opportunities, including seven live-client clinics, three legal-skills teams and more than 20 student organizations.**

In our nationally recognized Reentry Clinic, students help low-income clients overcome various impediments to employment, such as getting

their driver's license reinstated or obtaining a Certificate of Qualification for Employment.

Our Immigration Law Clinic provides students the powerful experience of working one-on-one with detained asylum-seeking clients and advocating before an immigration court judge on cases of profound consequence.

Our Trademark Clinic is one of a handful throughout the country specially designated by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to allow law students to prosecute trademark applications.

Members of our legal-skills competition teams master practical lawyering skills while

earning course credit. Our trial advocacy teams have won four national championships and 19 regional titles. Our moot court and client counseling teams earned Akron Law a top-10 position in the American Bar Association Competitions Championship 2018-19 ranking.

Another option for future litigators is our Summer Trial Academy. Students work together with prominent lawyers and judges over an intensive two-week period culminating in trial simulations before sitting judges in real courtrooms.





60+ EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

90% OF STUDENTS TAKE ADVANTAGE  
OF INTERNSHIPS, EXTERNSHIPS, CLERKSHIPS  
OR ONE OF OUR LEGAL CLINICS

## Enhance YOUR CREDENTIALS

**Akron Law is known for the many opportunities it provides for professional growth and enhancing your credentials.**

Our students participate in summer internships to gain crucial legal experience. Our dozens of externships allow students to earn course credit while working in a corporation, nonprofit organization, court or government agency.

Through our joint degree programs, students can supplement their J.D. degree with an advanced degree in another discipline, such as Business Administration, Taxation or Applied Politics. Students pursue the two degrees concurrently and transfer credits

between programs, enabling them to finish both degrees in a compressed time span and at a lower cost.

Students can also enhance their credentials by earning a Certificate in Intellectual Property Law, Litigation, Health Law, or Constitutional Law — without adding any extra time or cost. Those seeking even more intensive specialization in IP Law can earn a Master of Laws in Intellectual Property (LL.M.) either as a joint or stand-alone degree.

Exceptional students from each incoming class will be invited to join Akron Law's prestigious Honors program. Honors Scholars take a special

## JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

J.D./LL.M. in Intellectual  
Property Law

J.D./M.B.A. (Master of  
Business Administration)

J.D./M.S.A. (Master of Science  
in Accountancy –  
Financial Forensics)

J.D./M. Tax  
(Master of Taxation)

J.D./M.P.A. (Master of Public  
Administration)

J.D./M.A.P.  
(Master of Applied Politics)



*Akron Law student Imokhai Okolo makes his closing argument at the Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition, where the top 16 programs in the country compete each June. Trial team partner Cassandra Rosa is seated to his left.*

Honors Seminar, conduct a guided research project with a faculty mentor, participate in a judicial externship, and enjoy unique networking opportunities. A dedicated Honors Scholars faculty advisor offers academic and career advice to guide you toward your greatest potential.

Professionals in other fields, such as engineering or health care, who do not wish to pursue a J.D. but are seeking a legal education to advance in their careers can earn the new Master of Studies in Law (MSL) degree, tailored to their individual needs and interests.



**91% JOB PLACEMENT RATE WITHIN 10 MONTHS OF GRADUATION (SPRING 2018 J.D. RECIPIENTS)**

**\$66,000 — AVERAGE SALARY AT TIME OF SURVEY FOR CLASS OF '17 GRADUATES EMPLOYED IN 2018**

**\$100,500 — AVERAGE STARTING SALARY FOR PATENT BAR ELIGIBLE GRADUATES (2016-18)**

## EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR, CLASS OF 2018

Private Practice 58.1%

Business 21.9%

Government 12.4%

Public Interest 3.8%

Academic 2.9%

Judicial Clerkship 0.9%



## Succeed IN YOUR JOB SEARCH

**When it comes to student support, not all law schools are created equal. Akron Law offers a host of academic support services that begin even before the first day of class and continue until you pass the bar exam.**

Once regular classes begin, our Academic Success professionals — together with Academic Success Fellows,



*Akron Law students Marissa Pursel and Jaquan Williams meet with Nathan Sargent (center), an attorney at Benesch Law in Cleveland, an Am Law 200 firm, during their summer associate experience.*

recruited from among the top-performing students — host individual and group study sessions, lead skills-based workshops, and provide critical resources such as practice exam questions.

To prepare you to pass the bar exam, we have partnered with bar review leader BARBRI to provide every student with additional, tailored support services throughout their time at Akron Law. This includes new and enhanced courses, diagnostic tests, voluminous study resources, and the traditional post-graduate bar review course, all at no extra cost.

Our “ultimate bar passage” rate — meaning the percentage of graduates who pass a

U.S. bar exam within two years of graduation — is around 90% each year.

In addition to helping you pass the bar, we also prepare you for a successful career. Our Office of Career Services hosts around 50 prominent employers for interviews each year and provides access to our extensive national network of alumni and employers.

In fact, the employment rate of our graduates, assessed at 10 months after graduation, has consistently exceeded 90% in recent years, topping the national rate of about 88%. For our IP Certificate holders and J.D./LL.M. graduates, the employment rate is consistently at or near 100%.



"I chose Akron Law because I felt at home. I met many influential attorneys, judges, and professors who were invested in making sure I succeeded, both in passing the bar and finding employment that suited my needs."

— Hanne-Lore M. Gambrell, J.D./M.B.A. '18  
The University of Akron, B.S. '13

Hanne-Lore is an associate at Brouse McDowell in Akron, developing her practice in the Real Estate and Corporate & Securities practice groups. Before entering law school, she worked in the mental health services field.



"Akron Law prepared me for a fast-paced career at a top intellectual property law firm with classes and experiences that were challenging in all the right ways."

— R. Nick Buchmuller, J.D. '18  
The University of Utah, B.S. '12

Nick represents U.S. and international clients in intellectual property matters as an associate at Bracewell in Houston. Prior to pursuing a legal career, he served eight years as an intelligence analyst in the U.S. Army Reserve.

## EMBARK ON *Your* CAREER

**Akron Law alumni are a proud family of more than 7,000 graduates working in large and small firms, corporations, nonprofits and government agencies in Ohio, 48 other states and 14 countries.** They work as judges, political leaders, military officers, managing partners and CEOs. And they generously give back to Akron Law, serving on advisory boards, teaching as adjunct professors, and mentoring, coaching and employing our students.



"Akron Law gave me a first-class legal education, real-world experience, and lasting friendships. While Akron Law has a very strong regional footprint, it also helped me develop the soft skills necessary to compete in the national legal market."

— Spencer A. Hill Jr., J.D. '18  
Chestnut Hill College, M.S. '14, B.S. '12

Spencer is an associate in the Litigation Department at Ballard Spahr in Philadelphia, focusing on white collar criminal defense, internal investigations, and complex commercial litigation. Prior to law school, he worked as an early childhood educator.



"I was drawn to the International J.D. Program offered at The University of Akron, as well as the option of starting law school in the spring semester. I also appreciated the University's emphasis on the importance of connecting with the local community."

— Patricia Ochman, J.D. '17  
McGill University, LL.B. and B.C.L. '06

Patricia, an associate at Jones Day in Cleveland, focuses her practice on complex tort and antitrust representation of corporate clients in federal and state courts and has experience in various aspects of discovery. Prior to joining Jones Day, she practiced law in Montreal.

**ONE** CENTURY SINCE AKRON LAW'S FOUNDING IN 1921

**200+** AKRON LAW ALUMNI HAVE SERVED AS JUDGES

**100+** ENDOWMENTS CREATED BY AKRON LAW ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS



**33,000** ACRES OF DEEP FORESTS,  
ROLLING HILLS AND OPEN FARMLANDS  
TO ENJOY IN CUYAHOGA VALLEY  
NATIONAL PARK



## YOU'LL *Love* IT HERE

*A ride or hike through Beaver Marsh is among the most popular activities in Cuyahoga Valley National Park.*

*Top right: The Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail runs right through Akron.*

*Right: Blossom Music Center*

*Below: The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.*

**Akron is a city with a rich history, a vibrant culture and an exciting future.** The fifth-largest city in Ohio, Akron offers the energy of a big city and the friendliness and welcoming spirit of a Midwestern town. The University stands on a hill overlooking downtown and is within walking distance of local courts, government offices, law firms, restaurants, and sports and entertainment venues.

Nicknamed the Rubber City for its tire and rubber manufacturing tradition, Akron remains a world center of tire technologies and a leader in polymer research and production. It ranks among the top 50 American cities for U.S. patents per capita. More than 20 Fortune 500 companies are invested in Akron, while the broader Northeast Ohio region is home to the headquarters of 20 Fortune 1000 companies and four of the 200 largest law firms, along with a score of mid-size firms.

There is always something going on in Greater Akron — from outdoor recreation in nearby Cuyahoga Valley National Park to a thriving music and arts scene and great restaurants. Visit the



Photo by Roger Mastroianni

Akron Art Museum, watch a RubberDucks baseball game at Canal Park, or enjoy an outdoor concert downtown at Lock 3 or in the country at Blossom Music Center, summer home of the world-famous Cleveland Orchestra.

Make the short drive north to see the Cleveland Browns, Cavaliers or Indians, or catch a show at Playhouse Square, the largest performing arts center in the U.S. outside of New York City. And no self-respecting visitor comes to Northeast Ohio without paying homage at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.



100% OF J.D. STUDENTS IN GOOD  
STANDING KEEP THEIR SCHOLARSHIPS  
AFTER THE FIRST YEAR

SEE *Yourself* HERE



**At Akron Law, we take pride in offering a flexible, affordable and accessible legal education.**

Our yearly tuition is below \$25,000 for all students. We award several million dollars in scholarships each year — and, unlike some law schools, our scholarships are guaranteed for three years in our full-time



program or four years in our part-time program, as long as you remain in good standing. Equally important, our graduates' law school debt continues to rank among the lowest in Ohio.

We are the only law school in the state to offer entering J.D. students the option to begin in the spring, summer or fall semester. The admissions criteria, tuition and basic curriculum are the same no matter which start time you choose. That also applies to students in our part-time studies program, which was ranked highest in Ohio and tied for 37th best in the country by U.S. News & World Report in its 2020 rankings.



Our students come from diverse backgrounds and bring a variety of interests and experiences. When they arrive here, however, they all become part of the Akron Law family—a mutually supportive community of students, faculty, staff and alumni whose common bonds unite them for a lifetime.

## APPLY TO AKRON LAW

The law school application process is straightforward, but it requires some advance planning. It is best, though not required, to start the process about a year before you intend to begin law school. The following steps will assist you in planning your law school application. You do not need to complete each step in the exact order shown below, but doing so offers the smoothest path through the application process.

- Establish your FREE account at [LSAC.org](https://lsac.org).
- Register for the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS).
- Request 1-3 letters of recommendation (ideally academic or professional, not personal).
- Have transcripts from all colleges and universities attended sent to CAS.
- Check your LSAC account to ensure all letters of recommendation and transcripts have arrived at CAS and have been processed.
- Take the LSAT.
- Receive your LSAT score.
- Visit [uakron.edu/law/admissions](https://uakron.edu/law/admissions) to access and complete the admissions application.

**Visit us.** To arrange a visit or observe a class, or if you have any questions, contact the Akron Law Admissions Office at [lawadmissions@uakron.edu](mailto:lawadmissions@uakron.edu) or 1-800-425-7668.

You can register for the next open house on our website at [uakron.edu/law/admissions/visit](https://uakron.edu/law/admissions/visit).





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