



# THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL

## J.D. Learning Outcomes

1. **Learning Outcome 1—Substantive and Procedural Rules of Law and Policies:** Each graduating student should demonstrate a thorough understanding of key concepts in substantive law, legal theory, and procedure contained in:
  - a. the required curriculum (Contracts, Civil Procedure, Torts, Property, Criminal Law, Professional Responsibility, Evidence, and Constitutional Law); and
  - b. other substantive and procedural courses designed to prepare students for admission to the bar and the practice of law.
2. **Learning Outcome 2—Basic Legal Analysis, Legal Research, Problem-Solving, and Communication:** Each graduating student should demonstrate a proficiency in the following skills:
  - a. analyzing and interpreting cases, statutes, and administrative regulations;
  - b. identifying legal issues in facts and applying rules and policy to facts;
  - c. conducting investigation of facts;
  - d. weighing evidence to reach factual inferences;
  - e. performing comprehensive legal research;
  - f. identifying the client’s goal and acting as a problem-solver; and
  - g. speaking and writing analytically and persuasively.
3. **Learning Outcome 3—Professional Identity and Perspectives:** Each graduating student should be able to:
  - a. act in accordance with standards of professional conduct;
  - b. act with sensitivity and respect when dealing with individuals of different identities, backgrounds, cultures and abilities (*See The John Marshall Law School Protection from Discrimination and*

Harassment Policies for students, staff, and faculty);

- c. fulfill a lawyer's commitment to competence, integrity, accountability, and social responsibility; and
  - d. understand the role of lawyers and the legal system to promote social change and social justice, and the profession's responsibility to ensure adequate legal services are provided to those who cannot afford to pay for them.
4. **Learning Outcome 4–Entry-Level Capabilities:** At the level of proficiency required for effectiveness as an entry-level attorney, and in a manner appropriate to a student's professional goals, each graduating student should demonstrate proficiency in the following professional skills:
- a. counseling clients;
  - b. negotiating;
  - c. understanding the pre-trial and trial process;
  - d. acting with civility and working collaboratively with other lawyers and outside professionals;
  - e. managing cases and legal matters;
  - f. using technology in legal practice; and
  - g. understanding the management of a law practice.

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