Prepare to Change Lives
Make a Difference

For almost 120 years, it has been our mission to make a difference in the lives of our students and our community. From our nationally recognized faculty and programs to the impact of our Community Legal Clinics, we offer you more than an education. At John Marshall, we prepare you with the knowledge, skills, and experience to change lives.

As a John Marshall student, you’ll be able to choose courses from one of the most robust curriculums in the nation; gain valuable, real-world law practice and client experience; and network in Chicago, a world-class city full of opportunity. But the John Marshall experience extends far beyond the classroom. With more than 40 active student organizations on campus—many of which have won national awards—and a legacy that advances diversity on campus and in the legal profession, you’ll find a home in our civic-minded community.

The John Marshall Law School isn’t just in Chicago; we are for Chicago. And you’ll be proud of who you’ll become.

The John Marshall Law School prepared me for my career as a civil litigator like no other school could have done in the City of Chicago. I was trained and taught from the beginning the skills required to be successful—from legal writing to moot court to civil procedure—and be trial ready when I got into a courtroom.

Antonio M. Romanucci ('85)
Principal & Partner, Romanucci & Blandin LLC
Mr. Romanucci has been recognized as one of The Best Lawyers in America since 2013 by Best Lawyers.

Dean’s Leadership Academy

The Dean’s Leadership Academy provides top students with exclusive mentoring and leadership development opportunities. Facilitated by Dean Darby Dickerson, a three-time dean and award-winning leader in legal education, this invite-only program offers participants dynamic opportunities that include networking with leading members of the judiciary and legal profession, attending bar association and other legal events, engaging in service projects, and developing goals and work steps with Dean Dickerson.
Welcome to John Marshall! This viewbook presents an overview of John Marshall—from our nationally ranked programs to practical training to a campus community invested in your growth as an attorney and changemaker.

The field of law has changed a lot in the last decade. Clients require more customized services, international law impacts most areas of domestic law, and technology disrupts our field just as it does others. It’s no longer enough to understand just the practice and theory of law. To fulfill your oath and responsibilities as a lawyer, you’ll need to be flexible, proactive, and creative.

At John Marshall, we prioritize skills training, and value diversity and inclusiveness. We believe in strong academics and making sure that you have strong professional development opportunities inside and outside the classroom. We’ve invested in passionate professors, a top-notch student life and leadership office, an excellent bar preparation program, and robust career support. And we’re literally changing the campus to meet the needs of tomorrow’s lawyers. But beyond that, we’ll help you develop multiple skill sets, master life-long learning, and cultivate a growth mindset.

At John Marshall, we want students who are engaged, empowered, and love to learn. We want critical thinkers who know their values and think beyond themselves. And we want graduates who are collegial, professional, and driven to make a difference.

Our mission is holistic—we want to change your life, so you can change the lives of others. It starts the minute you arrive on campus. Every day we’ll challenge you to practice excellence, but that challenge begins with a choice.


Darby Dickerson
Dean and Professor of Law

About Dean Darby Dickerson

Dean Dickerson joined The John Marshall Law School in December 2016, after serving as Dean at Texas Tech University School of Law (2011-2016) and Stetson University College of Law (2003-2011). She is the author of the first four editions of the ALWD Citation Manual, the 2018 Chair of the Association of American Law Schools Deans Forum Steering Committee, the 2018 winner of the AALS Section Award for Lifetime Contribution to Legal Research and Writing, and an elected member of the American Law Institute. National Jurist magazine ranked her as one of the [25] most influential people in legal education in 2017.
Recent Rankings

#6 in the Nation
in Legal Writing
Best in the Midwest
(2018 U.S. News & World Report
Best Graduate Schools)

2018, 2017
Best Law Schools
for Alternative Dispute Resolution
(preLaw magazine)

2018
Best Law Schools
for African-American Students
(preLaw magazine)

2018
652 JMLS graduates
named Super Lawyers
(SuperLawyers.com)

#15 in the Nation
in Intellectual Property Law
(2018 U.S. News & World Report
Best Graduate Schools)

2018, 2017
Best Law Schools
for Intellectual Property Law
(preLaw magazine)

2018
Best Law Schools
for Asian Students
(preLaw magazine)

2018, 2017
Best Law Schools
for Practical Training
(National Jurist magazine)

#20 in the Nation
in Trial Advocacy
(2018 U.S. News & World Report
Best Graduate Schools)

2018, 2017
Best Law Schools
for International Law
(preLaw magazine)

2017
Most Diverse Law Schools
in the Nation
(preLaw magazine)

2017
Top 50 Associates to Partner
Go-To Law Schools
(National Law Journal)
Pave Your Path to Justice
JD Curriculum
On your terms. On your schedule.

Tomorrow’s leaders choose John Marshall because they want to make a difference, and the path to success is full of options. Our JD program is designed to not only prepare you to change lives, but also to provide you the flexibility to earn your degree at a pace that works for you—full time or part time. We were one of the first law schools in the country to offer alternatives to the traditional full-time approach, and those part-time day and evening options remain popular with working professionals. We’re also one of the few law schools to offer spring enrollment. And we offer a number of elective courses online, which you can take as a 2L or 3L student.*

Foundational Courses
During your first year of law school, you’ll build the foundation of your legal education by taking required courses, a number of which are part of our #6 ranked Legal Writing program. By the time you select electives and practical training courses, you’ll have experienced a wide range of legal endeavors, which will help you identify your passion for an area of law.

Elective Courses
One thing that makes John Marshall so special is the variety and number of electives you can choose from as you design your path to justice. Whether you take International Human Rights, Corporations, or First Amendment Issues in the Digital Age, you’ll develop the strategic, analytical, and transactional skills to change the lives of your clients and impact your community.

Experiential Learning
A John Marshall hallmark is experiential training—in fact, practical experience is guaranteed for all of our students. You’ll hone your skills by working in one of our Community Legal Clinics or 100+ externships, or both!

Certificate Programs
Many students pursue a JD certificate to develop competitive distinction in a specific area of law, including alternative dispute resolution, intellectual property law, international human rights, sustainability, and trial advocacy (litigation).

*John Marshall allows 2L and 3L students to earn up to 15 credits online toward your JD degree.

I chose John Marshall because of the part-time day program. As a non-traditional student, it gave me the ability take classes and participate in a wide range of student activities on a schedule that worked for me. And I knew I could transition to the full-time program at any time. John Marshall is a special place. I’ve gained a tremendous amount of experience during my time here, and I feel ready to hit the ground running after I graduate.

Sandi Tanoue
JD Candidate 2019
Executive Lead Articles Editor, The John Marshall Law Review
former President, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
former Co-President, Disability Law Organization
# JD Degree Tracks

## Full-Time Track
Estimated completion: 6 semesters

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*These required courses may be taken at any time during a student’s second or third year. Evidence is a prerequisite to Trial Advocacy. Trial Lawyer may be taken in lieu of Evidence and Trial Advocacy.

The required clinic or externship experience may be fulfilled any time after your first year.

## Part-Time Track
Estimated completion: 8 semesters + 2 summer sessions

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Learn more about the JD program at [www.jmls.edu/academics/jd](http://www.jmls.edu/academics/jd).
Lawyering Skills
Ranked best in the Midwest.

Our nationally ranked Lawyering Skills program offers you a significant advantage. Our foundational training in legal research, writing, advocacy, and legal drafting has a reputation for preparing graduates to be practice-ready from their first day as an attorney. These are the skills that employers value the most, and we offer more than just an overview of what you need to succeed. We require double the training students receive at most other law schools.

In the beginning, you focus on legal research and analyzing legal problems. Further along you develop your skills at oral argumentation and pragmatic legal writing. We’ve perfected this part of legal education, and we know it works. And we’re not the only people who think so. U.S. News & World Report has ranked our legal writing program in the top 10 in the nation since the rankings started; in 2018 it was ranked 6th.

Our faculty, who routinely hold leadership positions in the major professional legal writing organizations and have won the top legal-writing awards in the country, are among the best in their field. Additionally, John Marshall is the current national headquarters of Scribes—The American Society of Legal Writers. We have one of only two Scribes student chapters in the U.S.

Lawyering Skills Courses

Lawyering Skills I: Objective Analysis, Writing, and Research
Lawyering Skills II: Advocacy
Lawyering Skills III: Appellate Advocacy
Lawyering Skills IV: Drafting*

*In LS IV, students can specialize their drafting course in civil litigation, criminal law, elder law, employee benefits, family law, health law, information technology law, intellectual property law, international practice, legislation, or real estate law.

Students can also take Spanish for Lawyers, a course specifically designed to equip you with the cultural competencies and sensitivities necessary for building a career with Spanish-speaking clients.

Learn more about the Lawyering Skills program at www.jmls.edu/lawyering-skills/.

Writing Resource Center

Your professor gives you a writing assignment, but you’re not sure how to get started. You could really use a one-on-one session with a professional. Under the leadership of Director Lurene Contento, John Marshall’s professional lawyer-advisors hold more than 1,600 one-on-one student conferences each year. This is where you go early, and often, to refine your writing.

Learn more about the Writing Resource Center at www.jmls.edu/students/writing-resource-center/.
Elective Courses
Pursue your passion.

After you’ve completed your required courses, you’ll individualize your legal training by selecting elective courses from one of the most extensive curriculums in the country. We offer more than 250 courses on traditional and emerging legal subjects, many of which reflect areas of law that will impact our communities for decades.

These are only a handful of your options:

- Antitrust Law
- Art & Cultural Heritage Law
- Bankruptcy Law
- Biotechnology Patent Law
- Climate Change Law
- Constitutional Law
- Corporations
- Cyber Crime, Information Warfare & Economic Espionage
- Entertainment Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law & Domestic Violence
- The First Amendment
- Human Trafficking
- International Economic Development Law
- International Human Rights Law
- IP in a Digital Environment
- Music Licensing
- National Security Law
- Publishing Law
- Public Health Emergency Law
- Real Estate Transactions
- Restorative Justice
- Sexual Orientation Law
- Trade Secret Law
- Trademark and Copyright Law
- Trial Lawyer
- US Free Trade Agreements
- Veterans Advocacy
- Video Game Law
- Voting Rights and Election Law
- Women, Law, and Feminist Jurisprudence
- Workplace Misconduct

See the full list of courses available at https://courses.jmls.edu.
Certificate Programs

Focus on what matters to you.

JD certificates are another way that you can focus your degree and further distinguish yourself in the legal world. We offer certificates in the following areas:

JD Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution
Hone your practical skills in arbitration, client counseling, mediation, and negotiation.

JD Certificate in Intellectual Property Law
Develop an understanding of intellectual property law issues, including patent law, trademark and copyright law, entertainment and cultural property issues, and other IP areas.

JD Certificate in International Human Rights Law
Study the interplay of international human rights and issues of gender, race, sexual orientation, and constitutional law.

JD Certificate in Sustainability
Concentrate on the emerging, interdisciplinary area of sustainability and its increasing importance in real estate, environmental, and regulatory legal work.

JD Certificate in Trial Advocacy
Prepare for a career in the courtroom by developing practical, trial-ready skills.

Learn more about our JD certificates at www.jmls.edu/certificates/.
Experiential Learning
Train in our classrooms. Advocate in our community.

In addition to foundational courses and electives, all John Marshall students are required to complete a practical experience in one of our Community Legal Clinics or 100+ externships. Working under the mentorship of a judge or attorney, you will train to help real people with real legal problems. Whether you fight for the rights of veterans, victims of housing discrimination or domestic violence, or assist entrepreneurs and inventors, you’ll find pride in the change you create and who you’ll become.

Community Legal Clinics

Business Enterprise Law Clinic
Supporting not-for-profit organizations and businesses in underserved communities by providing business and transactional legal representation.

Conflict Resolution Institute & Clinic
Providing mediation and arbitration services to resolve disputes through meaningful conflict resolution.

Domestic Violence Clinic
Helping survivors of domestic violence seek orders of protection, find immigration relief, and acquire representation in family law matters.

Fair Housing Legal Support Center & Clinic
Representing victims of housing discrimination and transforming fair housing and fair lending laws throughout the country.

International Human Rights Clinic
Protecting human rights in the U.S. and around the world.

IP Patent Clinic
Assisting innovation in the real world by helping inventors and small businesses with patent assistance.

IP Trademark Clinic
Assisting mark owners with trademark rights, counseling, and applications.

Pro Bono Program & Clinic
Providing services for juvenile expungement, transgender name and gender marker changes, victims of human trafficking, and more.

Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic
Serving those who served by helping with VA benefits appeals and other legal assistance.

Learn more about our Community Legal Clinics at www.jmls.edu/clinics/.
John Marshall’s externship program provides students the opportunity to develop essential skills by working for a judge or at an approved non-profit organization or a government agency. We have more than a hundred offerings, including:

- AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
- American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers
- Center for Disability and Elder Law
- Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
- Chicago Board of Education
- Circuit Court of Cook County
- City of Chicago
- Cook County Public Defender
- Federal Trade Commission
- Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs
- National Immigrant Justice Center
- Social Security Administration
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Learn more about our externship opportunities at www.jmls.edu/externships/.

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The Fair Housing Legal Clinic taught me how to develop strong client relationships and think outside the box when developing case strategy by working real cases with real clients. Now that I have my own practice, my clients consistently compliment my ability to connect with them, which helps them feel like they are working side by side with me on their case and better understand their rights.

**Daisy Dominguez (’13)**
Managing Counsel,
Dominguez Legal Justice Center, LLC
Adjunct Professor, The John Marshall Law School
Ms. Dominguez was named the 2017 Ms. JD Woman of Inspiration.

When I started law school, I wanted to be a voice for the voiceless, but I wasn’t sure how to realize that goal. I immediately got involved with the International Human Rights Clinic to advocate for marginalized peoples. Through the clinic, I was able to work with victims of human trafficking and people seeking asylum, among others. This is my passion. Thanks to the Illinois Bar Foundation, I can continue to work in community empowerment and asylum through the International Human Rights Clinic Fellowship.

**Alejandra Palacios (’18)**
Illinois Bar Foundation International Human Rights Clinic Fellow
Honors Programs
Master the ability to present oral and written arguments.

Our honors programs provide students the opportunity to distinguish themselves by competing in competitions throughout the country, publishing cutting-edge scholarship, or developing leadership skills on an honors board. Join the staff of one of our three student-run journals or try out for a moot court or trial advocacy competition team.

One of the highest academic honors at John Marshall, The John Marshall Law Review publishes scholarly works on a broad range of legal topics written by legal scholars, practitioners, and members of the review.

The John Marshall Journal of Information Technology & Privacy Law is an international journal focused on information policy, cyberspace governance, electronic databases, intellectual property, and privacy.

The John Marshall Review of Intellectual Property Law is a scholarly review dedicated to intellectual property law topics, including patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret law.

Moot Court Honors Program
Students compete through written briefs and oral arguments at various subject-specific interscholastic moot court competitions across the country.

Trial Advocacy & Dispute Resolution Honors Board and Council
Students compete in interscholastic trial, arbitration, negotiation, mediation, and client-counseling competitions. Our Trial Advocacy program is currently ranked #20 in the nation.

Learn more about our honors programs at www.jmls.edu/honors/
Advanced Degree Programs
Heighten your knowledge. Expand your impact.

Joint JD/LLM Degree Programs
Once you select an area of law in which to pursue your career, you may decide to complement your JD by also earning a Master of Laws (LLM). Our joint-degree program will save you time and tuition by letting you cross-apply 10 credits earned toward your LLM to your JD.

The joint JD/LLM in Real Estate Law has been extremely valuable to me throughout my career, as the law permeates every aspect of real estate. I had the opportunity to learn the practical aspects of the field from the top practicing attorneys in Chicago.

Peter Eisenberg (JD '00, LLM '00)
Principal, Clark Street Real Estate
Member, Center for Real Estate Law Advisory Board

LLM Degree Programs
We also offer master of laws (LLM) programs to practicing attorneys interested in career specialization. As many of our electives are cross-listed courses, JD students have the added benefit of sharing the classroom with knowledgeable practicing professionals.

Earn an joint JD/LLM in any of the following areas to gain a deeper understanding of the rules and regulations that impact your clients:

- Employee Benefits
- Estate Planning
- Information Technology & Privacy Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Law
- Real Estate Law
- Tax Law

Learn more about our joint JD/LLM degrees at www.jmls.edu/joint-degrees/.
Learn more about our LLM degrees at www.jmls.edu/LLMdegrees/.

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There’s more to your law school experience than what you learn in the classroom. Whether you’re looking for leadership and professional development opportunities, want to connect with like-minded students, or just need a little personal support, the Office of Student Life & Leadership is your go-to resource.

Professional Development Fund
When you find a law-related opportunity not otherwise funded by the law school, you can apply to our Student Professional Development Fund for reimbursement of travel and other expenses.

Student Veterans Resource Center
Recognizing the unique situation of student veterans, we created the Student Veterans Resource Center to provide veterans and active servicemembers a space in which to connect and study together.

Serenity Room
The Serenity Room is open to any student for quiet meditation, prayer, yoga, or other wellness practices.

Student Organizations
With more than 40 student organization on campus, many of whom have won national awards, you’ll find a professional, cultural, or political group to enrich your law school experience.

Student Counseling Center
Counseling can be a powerful tool to manage the stress of law school. John Marshall’s Counseling Center offers confidential services for students to confront those challenges head on.

Food Pantry
If you are struggling to feed yourself or your family, food is always available for those who need it.

Learn more about the Office of Student Life & Leadership at www.jmls.edu/students/.
Additional Student Events

In addition to events hosted by student organizations, the law school presents a number of opportunities for students to interact with the faculty, administration, and members of the legal community.

Dean’s Conversation Series
The Dean’s Conversation Series welcomes inspiring figures to campus for an intimate conversation with Dean Dickerson. Guests have included Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein; Mark Potok of the Southern Poverty Law Center; LTG Flora D. Darpino; U.S. Army Judge Advocate General; and our own Mark Pedowitz (’78), President, CW Television Network.

Dinners with the Deans
Throughout the school year, John Marshall hosts a number of free, informal dinners at which students have a chance to better get to know the law school administration and faculty members.
Diversity
A legacy of access and opportunity.

Diversity and opportunity have been guiding ideals at John Marshall since it was founded in 1899, and we remain dedicated to diversifying the legal profession. Each year, more than a third of our entering students proudly identify themselves as persons of diverse races and ethnicities. We actively recruit and support minority and otherwise-underrepresented students, and encourage our entire campus to Live Law in Color. Our Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion hosts diversity programs, including the Unity Dinner, Diversity Week, and other academic-focused programs to ensure your success in law school. Diversity is one of the hallmarks for measuring our success.

Famous Firsts

- Jessie Cook, our first female student, graduated in 1903.
- James Randle, our first African-American student, graduated in 1904.
- William Rodriguez, our first Hispanic student, graduated in 1912.
- Euclid Taylor, the first African-American lawyer to teach at an integrated law school, began teaching at John Marshall in 1934.
- K. Elizabeth Ohi, our first Japanese female student and the first female lawyer in the U.S., earned her JD in 1937 and her LLM in 1938.

Did You Know?
We have two deans dedicated to diversity and inclusion at the law school. Assistant Dean Troy Riddle was just given the 2018 ISBA Diversity Leadership Award. Associate Dean Samuel V. Jones also serves as a Hearing Officer for the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund.

Learn more about the Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at www.jmls.edu/diversity/.
Financial Aid & Scholarship Support
The freedom to focus on your future.

Automatic Scholarship Consideration
We know that financial concerns are at the top of the list for many students, especially students pursuing careers in public interest law, so we’ve taken the legwork out of the equation. As soon as you apply to John Marshall, you’re automatically considered for our full range of entering students scholarships.

Additional John Marshall scholarships become available after you complete your first year of law school. Through the generosity of our alumni and supporters, we offer a number of scholarships that are awarded based on academic performance, financial need, service to the law school, and service to the community. And each year, we provide students a list of additional outside scholarship opportunities for further financial support.

Financial Literacy Counseling
In addition to providing full-service financial aid support, we’re proud to provide students with financial literacy information. The Office of Financial Aid has partnered with the AccessLex Institute to assist our law students with challenges and barriers they may face funding their legal education. Our advisors are available for one-on-one counseling related to loans, repayments, and other financial issues.

➤ See the full list of John Marshall- and donor-funded scholarships at www.jmls.edu/students/scholarships/.
➤ Learn more about Financial Aid support at www.jmls.edu/students/financial-aid/.
Academic Support
Train your brain for success.

Associate Dean Rodney Fong has worked at, consulted with, and completed accreditation visits at a number of law schools, so he’s seen the big picture and the small details that make all the difference. He’s brought that expertise to John Marshall to provide you with the academic support to help you excel throughout law school and on the bar exam. Employing research on learning theory, cognitive psychology, and neuroscience, Associate Dean Fong has combined his knowledge, experience, and research to present a preeminent academic support package to enhance your ability to learn and your capacity to succeed.

Learn more about Academic Achievement and Bar Preparation at www.jmhs.edu/academic-achievement/.
Academic Achievement

The transition from college or employment into law school can be difficult for many students. You may feel a little overwhelmed at transitioning from the textbook/lecture model of your undergraduate work to the casebook/question-and-answer model of legal education. Our experienced Academic Achievement team will guide you through this transition by providing instruction, counseling, and meaningful feedback tailored to your level in law school.

Bar Preparation

One of the challenges of studying for the bar exam is the amount of information you need to review in a very short amount of time. With 12 subjects to study and just over 60 days to do it, the potential for information overload is high. It’s easy to become so overwhelmed that it is extremely difficult to focus, to figure out what to do, and to get it done. Our goal is not only to prepare you for the bar exam’s testing formats and to review the rules of law, but to also optimize the study and review process, so you maximize your performance on the exam.
Faculty

Leaders in legal education.

John Marshall’s full-time faculty are recognized for their expertise and scholarship in disciplines as diverse as bankruptcy law, constitutional law, fair housing law, health law, intellectual property law, international human rights, and others. Many of our faculty members also hold leadership positions in the most prominent legal education organizations.

We supplement instruction from our full-time faculty by drawing on the expertise of adjunct professors who bring practical advice and experience to the classroom. We’re proud of the fact that many of the adjunct professors who help teach and mentor our students are also our alumni.

Meet our faculty at www.jmls.edu/directory/faculty/.

Recent Full-time Faculty Service & Awards

Dean Darby Dickerson is the 2018 Chair of the Association of American Law Schools Deans Forum Steering Committee and the 2018 winner of the AALS Section Award for Lifetime Contribution to Legal Research and Writing.

Professor Alberto Bernabe is a member of the Academia de Jurisprudencia y Legislacion in Puerto Rico.

Clinical Professor Allison K. Bethel is Co-Chair Elect of the AALS Section of Clinical Education.

Professor Kim D. Chanbonpin is the Immediate Past President of the Legal Writing Institute.

Associate Dean Rodney Fong is a member of the ABA Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline and a member of the Board of Directors of For People of Color, Inc.

Professor Marc Ginsberg is the Professor-Reporter of the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Illinois Evidence.

Associate Professor Sonia Bychkov Green is a CALI Fellow in Civil Procedure.

Assistant Professor Renée Hatcher is the Co-Chair of the AALS Clinicians of Color Subcommittee.

Professor Kevin Hopkins is the Professor-Reporter of the Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee.

Professor Cecil J. Hunt II was named one of The National Black Lawyers Top 100.

Professor Samuel V. Jones is a Hearing Officer for the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund.

Professor Jason Kilborn is the Advisory Commissioner to the Seoul Bankruptcy Court.

Professor Daryl Lim was the 2018 Inaugural Microsoft Professorial Fellow at the Fordham IP Institute and will be the 2019 Thomas Edison Innovation Fellow at George Mason University’s Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property.

Professor Ann M. Lousin was honored by the Illinois State Senate with a proclamation acknowledging her contributions to the State of Illinois.

Professor William B.T. Mock is the ABA Liaison to the U.N. Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, the Budget Officer for the ABA Section of International Law, and a member of the ABA Blue Ribbon Working Group on the Restatement (Fourth) of Foreign Relations Law.

Assistant Professor Mary T. Nagel is the Professor-Reporter of the Illinois Judicial Conference Civil Justice Committee.

Professor Mark Wojcik is the 2018 recipient of the Burton Foundation Award for Outstanding Contributions to Legal Writing Education. He is also President of Scribes—The American Society of Legal Writers, Chair of the AALS Section on International Legal Exchange, and Chair of the ABA Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress.
Career & Professionalism
Support
Empowering you in your career pursuits.

Career Services
When you graduate, we want you to find a great job and that takes persistence, preparation, and planning. At John Marshall, we’re ready to help—not only with career-counseling services and resources, but also with guidance to help you build your resume in law school.

After you have your first couple of months of law school under your belt, our seven career counselors will be eager to work with you. They offer:

- Alumni mentor program
- Career development workshops
- Career panels
- In-house and online employment research resources
- Mock interviews
- Networking receptions
- On-Campus Interviews (OCI)
- One-on-one counseling

Professional Development
Under the leadership of Associate Dean Margaret O’Mara Frossard, a former Illinois Appellate Court Justice, John Marshall’s Office of Professionalism & Career Strategy offers innovative opportunities to help you prepare for the legal workplace. Through programs like the Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke Professionalism Series, students have the opportunity to interact with experienced members of the legal community who share insights about resolving ethical challenges and how to distinguish yourself to employers. After you graduate, the support continues with programs like the Lawyer-to-Lawyer Mentoring Program, which pairs experienced mentors and new lawyer mentees.

“As soon as I saw the position listed for the Chicago Transit Authority, I set up an appointment with Career Services. They helped me polish my resume and prepare for my interview, and I got the job. I’m thrilled to be working for one of Chicago’s premier government agencies.”

Andre Sutton (’17)
Associate Attorney, Chicago Transit Authority

Learn more about Career Services at www.jmls.edu/career-services/.
Additional Support & Resources

Courtrooms
With Dirksen Federal Courthouse right across the street, and John Marshall’s three courtrooms, you’ll experience the trial and appellate environments long before you graduate. In addition to hosting our Moot Court and nationally ranked Trial Advocacy team practices, as well as a number of practice-based courses, our courtrooms have hosted the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and other judicial bodies.

Louis L. Biro Law Library
Occupying three floors of the law school, John Marshall’s Louis L. Biro Law Library offers access to a full spectrum of legal databases and research services, including free access to online subscription services like Hein Online, Lexis, Bloomberg, and numerous specialty databases, as well as individual and group study rooms. Our professional librarians—all of whom have advanced degrees in both law and library science—are available to provide practical assistance to make sure you find what you need.

Community Legal Clinics Building
Officially opened in 2013, many of our Community Legal Clinics operate out of a fully renovated, LEED-certified building that was designed with both clients and the environment in mind. In addition to adhering to U.S. Green Building Council standards, the building features private interview rooms and a floor plan engineered to support the needs of affected clients, including veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Collaboration Commons — Coming Fall 2019
In Fall 2019, John Marshall will unveil a collaborative space designed for student success. The Collaborative Commons will feature a number of study rooms outfitted with wall-to-wall white boards and presentation monitors, sound-proof phone booths, computer docking stations, and an idea bar where students can interact with and inspire each other.
Alumni Community
The support to help you succeed.

With more than 18,500 alumni worldwide—and more than 11,500 in the Chicago area alone—you’ll have familiar faces to turn to after you graduate. Many of our alumni take an active role in the success of our students by mentoring current students and young alumni, establishing endowed scholarships, and hiring recent graduates at their firms.

Our alumni stay connected to John Marshall by attending networking opportunities, annual meetings, and special events, like our annual Hall of Distinction Induction Ceremony and Judges & Elected Officials Reception. John Marshall has more active alumni on the bench in Illinois than any other law school.

Current Government Officials

Rep. Darin LaHood (’96)  
(R-IL 18th District)  
U.S. House of Representatives

Rep. Kelly Burke (’92)  
(D-36th District)  
Illinois State Senate

Rep. Andre Thapedi (’96)  
(D-32nd District)  
Illinois House of Representatives

Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti (’98)  
State of Illinois

Rep. James Durkin (’88)  
(R-82nd District)  
Minority Leader, Illinois House of Representatives

Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch (’97)  
(D-7th District)  
Illinois House of Representatives

Sen. Michael Connelly (’89)  
(R-21st District)  
Illinois State Senate

Rep. Robert Martwick (’96)  
(D-19th District)  
Illinois House of Representatives

Rep. Michael J. Zalewski (’03)  
(D-23rd District)  
Illinois House of Representatives

Rep. Kelly Burke (’92)  
(D-36th District)  
Illinois State Senate

Notable Alumni

Adamantios Androutsopoulos (JD ’60, LLM ’62)  
former Prime Minister of Greece

Anne L. Blume (’91)  
Chicago Office Managing Partner, Cozen O’Connor

Bernie Cahill (’93)  
Founder, Activist Artists Management, a Hollywood talent agency

Hon. Joy V. Cunningham (’82)  
Judge, Illinois Appellate Court  
first African-American female President of the Chicago Bar Association

William M. Daley (’75)  
former White House Chief of Staff to President Obama; former U.S. Secretary of Commerce

Craig Donohue (’87)  
Executive Chairman & CEO, OCC; former CEO, CME Group

Hon. Timothy C. Evans (’69)  
Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

Hon. Thomas Fitzgerald (’68)  
former Chief Justice, Illinois Supreme Court

Hon. Charles Freeman (’62)  
first African-American Justice, Illinois Supreme Court

Mary Ann Hynes (JD ’71, LLM ’75)  
Senior Counsel, Dentons  
first female General Counsel of a Fortune 500 Company (CCH, Inc.)

Leo Melamed (’55)  
Chairman Emeritus, CME Group

Adrian Neritani (LLM ’02)  
former U.N. Permanent Representative of Albania

Mark Pedowitz (’78)  
President, The CW Television Network

Nathan Ross (’98)  
Television and Film Producer, Dallas Buyers Club; HBO’s Big Little Lies and Sharp Objects

Hon. Edith Sampson (’25)  
first African-American female elected judge in Illinois and first African-American U.S. delegate appointed to the U.N.

Rev. Dr. Janette C. Wilson (’80)  
Executive Director of PUSH Excel, Rainbow PUSH Coalition

The John Marshall alumni community will motivate you to expect the best out of yourself and continuously inspire you to work hard to exceed those expectations.

Christina Faklis Adair (’13)  
Associate, Gozdecki, Del Giudice, Americus, Farkas & Brocato LLP  
Board Member, The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association
Our city is your campus.

As a major metropolitan center of finance, culture, transportation, industry, medicine, and higher education—and home to one of the largest legal markets in the U.S.—Chicago gives our students all the advantages of living in a world-class city. In addition to the second largest circuit court system in the country and numerous law firms, many major organizations and businesses are headquartered here in America’s Second City, including the American Bar Association, United Airlines, Kraft Foods, and McDonald’s.

Located downtown in Chicago’s Loop, within a block of all major elevated and subway lines, John Marshall’s central location allows degree candidates to take advantage of the myriad of resources and provides easy access to numerous state and federal institutions including:

- Richard J. Daley Center, headquarters of the Circuit Court of Cook County
- Everette M. Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, home to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- Chicago Board of Trade
- Kluczynski Federal Building
- Metcalfe Federal Building
- Chicago Bar Association

Before choosing John Marshall, I decided I wanted to attend a quality school in a quality city. I wanted to live in a city that offered more than just a legal education. Chicago offered sports, concerts, plays, and cultural diversity. Chicago gave me refuge when studying became a challenge, and taking advantage of what the city offered helped me to be the best student I could possibly be.

Oluchi Ifebi (*17)
Staff Attorney, First Defense Legal Aid
Spring 2017 Sprague Scholar
Ms. Ifebi was named one of the 2017 Law Students of the Year by National Jurist magazine.
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