

# J.D. CLASS OF 2024 PROFILE

As of August 30, 2021

VANDERBILT



Law School

**6,884** Applicants to J.D. Class Entering Fall 2021

**154** First-Year Students Entering Fall 2021

**82** (53%) Female Students

**51** (33%) Minority Students

**23** Median Age

|             |             |             |       |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| <b>3.70</b> | <b>3.89</b> | <b>3.95</b> | } GPA |
| 25%         | Median      | 75%         |       |

|            |            |            |        |
|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| <b>165</b> | <b>169</b> | <b>170</b> | } LSAT |
| 25%        | Median     | 75%        |        |

**85** Undergraduate Schools Represented

**8** (5%) Hold Advanced Degrees

Permanent Residents of

**31 States, Canada and Puerto Rico**

## Permanent Residency

|               |    |                |    |
|---------------|----|----------------|----|
| Alabama       | 2  | New Hampshire  | 2  |
| Arizona       | 3  | New Jersey     | 4  |
| Arkansas      | 2  | New Mexico     | 2  |
| California    | 16 | New York       | 12 |
| Colorado      | 4  | North Carolina | 3  |
| Florida       | 14 | Ohio           | 6  |
| Georgia       | 6  | Pennsylvania   | 4  |
| Illinois      | 4  | South Carolina | 2  |
| Kansas        | 2  | Tennessee      | 15 |
| Kentucky      | 4  | Texas          | 13 |
| Louisiana     | 1  | Virginia       | 8  |
| Maryland      | 4  | Washington     | 3  |
| Massachusetts | 3  | West Virginia  | 2  |
| Michigan      | 4  | Wisconsin      | 1  |
| Minnesota     | 2  |                |    |
| Missouri      | 1  | Canada         | 1  |
| Nevada        | 3  | Puerto Rico    | 1  |

**Applying to enter Fall 2022?** We would like to know you better as a prospective student and for you to learn more about Vanderbilt. That's why we offer admission interviews with VLS alumni as part of the application process, and why VLS alumni will conduct interviews nationwide and in several foreign locations during this cycle. To request an alumni interview, complete the interview request section of the VLS application and submit your application by Nov. 15.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all academic buildings on the Vanderbilt University campus, including the law school, are closed to visitors. During the time we cannot offer in-person class visits and self-guided tours, we invite you to check our website regularly to learn about virtual events for prospective students where you can meet our admissions staff and current students and learn more about Vanderbilt Law School.

## Undergraduate Schools Represented

|                               |   |                                      |   |                                       |   |   |    |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|----|
| Arizona State University      | 1 | Georgia Institute of Technology      | 1 | St. John's University                 | 1 | University of New Haven                 | 1  |
| Auburn University             | 2 | Harding University                   | 1 | St. Lawrence University               | 1 | University of New Mexico                | 1  |
| Baylor University             | 3 | Hillsdale College                    | 1 | Syracuse University                   | 2 | University of North Carolina            | 2  |
| Berry College                 | 1 | John Carroll University              | 1 | Texas Christian University            | 2 | University of Notre Dame                | 1  |
| Birmingham Southern College   | 1 | Johns Hopkins University             | 1 | Transylvania University               | 1 | University of Pennsylvania              | 3  |
| Boston University             | 1 | Kenyon College                       | 1 | Tulane University                     | 6 | University of Pittsburgh                | 1  |
| Brandeis University           | 1 | Lipscomb University                  | 2 | Tuskegee University                   | 1 | University of Richmond                  | 1  |
| Brown University              | 1 | Loyola Marymount University          | 2 | University of Alabama                 | 3 | University of South Carolina            | 3  |
| Carleton University           | 1 | Loyola University                    | 1 | University of Arizona                 | 1 | University of Southern California       | 3  |
| College of William & Mary     | 1 | Mercer University                    | 1 | University of California, Berkeley    | 1 | University of Tennessee                 | 1  |
| Colorado Christian University | 1 | Miami University (Ohio)              | 1 | University of California, Los Angeles | 3 | University of Texas                     | 4  |
| Colorado College              | 1 | Northwestern University              | 1 | University of Chicago                 | 4 | University of Virginia                  | 6  |
| Cornell University            | 1 | Pennsylvania State University        | 1 | University of Denver                  | 1 | University of Washington                | 1  |
| Dartmouth College             | 2 | Pepperdine University                | 1 | University of Florida                 | 6 | Vanderbilt University                   | 15 |
| Davidson College              | 2 | Princeton University                 | 2 | University of Georgia                 | 1 | Vassar College                          | 1  |
| Duke University               | 1 | Rice University                      | 1 | University of Illinois                | 1 | Wagner College                          | 1  |
| Earlham College               | 1 | Santa Clara University               | 1 | University of Maryland                | 1 | Wake Forest University                  | 3  |
| Emory University              | 2 | Savannah College of Art & Design     | 1 | University of Miami                   | 1 | Washington University                   | 2  |
| Florida Atlantic University   | 1 | Sewanee: The University of the South | 1 | University of Michigan                | 4 | West Chester University of Pennsylvania | 1  |
| Florida State University      | 2 | Smith College                        | 1 | University of Minnesota               | 1 | West Virginia University                | 1  |
| Fordham University            | 1 | Southern Methodist University        | 1 | University of Mississippi             | 2 | William Jewell College                  | 1  |
| George Washington University  | 4 |                                      |   |                                       |   |   |    |

## Academic Overview & Employment Statistics

### Degree Programs

- J.D. (Doctor of Jurisprudence)
- LL.M. (Master of Laws)—A one-year program for foreign-trained lawyers
- Ph.D. Law and Economics

### Academic Programs

- Law & Business (certificate program)
- Criminal Justice
- Energy, Environment & Land Use
- Intellectual Property
- International Legal Studies
- Law & Government
- Law & Innovation
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Social Justice

### Dual Degree Programs

- J.D./M.S. in Finance (3-year program)
- J.D./Master of Business Administration
- J.D./Ph.D. in Neuroscience
- J.D./Master of Public Policy
- J.D./Doctor of Medicine
- J.D./Master of Divinity

### Summer Opportunities

- Vanderbilt in Venice (study abroad)
- Externships (international and domestic, academic credit)
- Public interest stipends (international and domestic)

### Clinics and Experiential Programs

- Community Enterprise
- Criminal Practice
- First Amendment
- Housing Law
- Immigration Law
- Intellectual Property & the Arts
- International Law Practice Lab
- Youth Opportunity
- Semester Externships

### Financial Assistance

- 2021–22 tuition: \$64,284
- Merit- and need-based scholarships, including several full-tuition merit-based awards
- Loan Repayment Assistance available to qualifying graduates working in public-sector positions

### Publications

- *Vanderbilt Law Review*
- *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*
- *Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment & Technology Law*
- *The Environmental Law & Policy Annual Review*, produced by Vanderbilt students in conjunction with the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) in Washington, D.C.

### Top Academics

- Faculty ranked 9th among U.S. law schools in a study, “Scholarly Impact of Law School Faculties in 2021,” based on citations of scholarly work from 2016 to 2020
- Faculty ranked 5th among U.S. law schools in a 2019 study, “Ranking the Academic Impact of 100 American Law Schools,” by Heald and Sichelman based on how often their scholarly work was downloaded and cited
- Best Classroom Experience: 5th (2021), 10th (2018, 2017, 2013, 2011), 9th (2012)—*Princeton Review*
- Best Professors: 6th (2021), 9th (2019)—*Princeton Review*

### Top Prospects

- 5th, Percentage of 2020 graduates employed as full-time, long-term federal judicial clerks (16.1%, based on ABA data)
- 9th, Best for Federal Clerkships (2020)—*Princeton Review*
- 11th, Federal Judicial Clerkship Report of Law School Graduates, 2020 edition (available on

- SSRN), by Derek T. Muller, ranking law schools by percentage of graduates taking federal judicial clerkships from 2017 to 2019
- 12th, Percentage of 2019 law graduates employed in full-time, long-term jobs in firms with more than 100 lawyers based on ABA data
- 11th, 2020 Above the Law Top 50 Law Schools, limited to “national” schools “with quality employment prospects both outside of their particular region and for those who don’t graduate at the top of the class”
- 11th, *National Law Journal* 2019 Go-To Law Schools, based on percentage of 2018 graduates who took associate attorney positions at the nation’s largest 100 firms
- 15th (tie), Law schools with the most alumni promoted to partner (in the 250 largest firms) in 2015, *National Law Journal*
- 13th, *National Law Journal* ranking of law schools based on percentage of 2019 graduates working as federal judicial clerks or at law firms of 100 or more lawyers
- 14th, Law schools that sent the highest percentage of 2019 graduates to the nation’s 100 largest law firms, *National Law Journal*

### Top Location: Nashville

- Best Quality of Life: 2nd (2021, 2020, 2019, 2018)—*Princeton Review*
- #1 Metro Area for Professional and Business Service Jobs, *Forbes*, 2017
- 1st, 2019 Best Leisure Destination in the U.S., Global Traveler’s Leisure Lifestyle Awards
- 20 Best Places to Go in 2020, *Condé Nast Traveler*
- 7th, 2019 *Travel & Leisure* ranking of “15 Best Cities in the U.S.”

### ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWS

Each fall, employers representing law offices throughout the U.S. come to Vanderbilt to interview 2Ls and 3Ls. A smaller on-campus interview program is offered each spring for 1Ls.

### GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK

VLS’s extensive network of approximately 10,000 alumni, which covers 50 states, D.C., two U.S. territories and 45 foreign nations, includes leaders in law, government, academia, business and industry, public service and other areas.

### MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS CLASSES 2016–20

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| New York         | 16% |
| Tennessee        | 16% |
| Texas            | 12% |
| Washington, D.C. | 9%  |
| Georgia          | 7%  |
| California       | 5%  |
| Florida          | 4%  |
| Illinois         | 3%  |

The remaining 28% took employment across another 34 states and internationally.

## J.D. Employment Destinations—Classes of 2016–20

