

# J.D. CLASS OF 2023 PROFILE

As of August 23, 2020

VANDERBILT



Law School

**5,181** Applicants to J.D. Class Entering Fall 2020

**182** First-year Students, 2020–21

**112** (62%) Female Students

**40** (22%) Minority Students

**23** Median Age

**3.66** 25% } **3.82** Median } **3.91** 75% } **GPA**

**162** 25% } **167** Median } **168** 75% } **LSAT**

**104** Undergraduate Schools Represented

**11** (5%) Hold Advanced Degrees

**31, D.C., Canada and Korea**  
States and Foreign Nations Represented

## Permanent Residency

Alabama	2	Mississippi	2
California	18	Missouri	4
Colorado	3	New Jersey	5
Connecticut	1	New York	11
District of Columbia	5	North Carolina	6
Florida	16	Ohio	7
Georgia	7	Oklahoma	3
Illinois	13	Oregon	1
Indiana	2	Pennsylvania	4
Kansas	1	South Carolina	2
Kentucky	4	Tennessee	20
Louisiana	2	Texas	16
Maryland	7	Utah	1
Massachusetts	1	Virginia	4
Michigan	5	Washington	2
Minnesota	2	Wisconsin	2

**Applying to enter Fall 2021?** 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 November 15.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all buildings on the Vanderbilt University campus, including the law school, are closed to visitors, and campus visitors must wear masks and observe social distancing. During the time we cannot offer in-person class visits and student-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

American University	2	George Washington University	3	Spelman College	1	University of Massachusetts	1
Arizona State University	1	Georgetown University	4	Stanford University	1	University of Miami	3
Auburn University	2	Gettysburg College	1	Texas A & M University	3	University of Michigan	4
Bates College	1	Harvard College	1	Texas Christian University	3	University of Mississippi	1
Baylor University	1	Haverford College	1	College of New Jersey	1	University of Missouri	1
Belmont University	1	Howard University	1	University of Texas	4	University of North Carolina	3
Boston College	1	Indiana University	2	University of Texas, Dallas	1	University of Notre Dame	1
Boston University	3	Johns Hopkins University	2	Trevecca Nazarene University	1	University of Oklahoma	1
Brigham Young University	1	Kennesaw State University	1	Tulane University	1	University of Richmond	1
California State University, Northridge	1	Kenyon College	2	Tuskegee University	1	University of South Carolina	2
Calvin College	1	Lee University	2	Union University	1	University of South Florida	1
Central Michigan University	1	Lipscomb University	1	U.S. Military Academy	1	University of St. Andrews	1
Colgate University	1	Loyola Marymount University	1	University of Alabama	2	University of Washington	1
College of the Holy Cross	1	Loyola University, Chicago	1	University of California, Berkeley	2	Virginia Polytechnic	1
College of William & Mary	5	Macalester College	1	University of California, Los Angeles	5	Vanderbilt University	11
Columbia University	2	McGill University	1	University of California, San Diego	1	Villanova University	2
Creighton University	1	Miami University (OH)	3	University of California, Santa Barbara	1	Wake Forest University	2
Dartmouth College	1	Middlebury College	1	University of Chicago	2	Washington University	3
Davidson College	2	Mississippi State University	2	University of Denver	1	Wesleyan University	1
Dominican U. of California	1	New York University	4	University of Florida	3	West Chester University of Pennsylvania	1
Duke University	4	Northwestern University	3	University of Georgia	2	West Virginia Wesleyan College	1
Emory University	2	Ohio State University	1	University of Illinois	2	Western Washington University	1
Flagler College	1	Oklahoma City University	1	University of Kansas	1	Westminster College	1
Florida State University	5	Randolph-Macon College	1	University of Kentucky	2	Wheaton College	1
Fordham University	1	Samford University	2	University of Louisville	1	Xavier University of Louisiana	1
Furman University	1	Southern Methodist University	1	University of Maryland	2	Yale University	1

## 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

- 2020–21 tuition: \$62,230
- 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 10th among U.S. law schools in a study, “Scholarly Impact of Law Faculties in 2018: Applying Leiter Scores to Rank the Top Third,” conducted by a research team led by Gregory Sisk
- Best Classroom Experience: 5th (2021), 10th (2018, 2017, 2013, 2011), 9th (2012)—*Princeton Review*
- Best Professors: 6th (2021), 9th (2019)—*Princeton Review*

### Top Prospects

- 9th, Best for Federal Clerkships (2020)—*Princeton Review*
- 11th, Federal Judicial Clerkship Report of Law School Graduates, 2020 edition, Derek T. Muller (available on SSRN), ranking law schools by percentage of graduates taking federal judicial clerkships from 2017 to 2019
- 10th, Percentage of 2018 graduates employed as full-time judicial clerks (9.5%, based on ABA data)

- 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
- 5th, 2016 GoodCall.com ranking of the “Top 10 Large Metro Areas for Law Students”
- 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 (OCI)

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 2015–2019

Tennessee	19%
New York	16%
Texas	10%
Washington, D.C.	10%
Georgia	7%
California	5%
Florida	4%
Illinois	4%

The remaining 25% took employment across another 33 states and internationally.

## J.D. Employment Destinations—Classes of 2015–2019

