

## J.D. CLASS OF 2022 PROFILE

As of August 23, 2019

VANDERBILT



Law School

**5,305** Applicants to J.D. Class Entering Fall 2019

**174** First-year Students, 2019-20

**84** (48%) Female Students

**43** (25%) Minority Students

**23** Median Age

<b>3.56</b>	<b>3.80</b>	<b>3.87</b>	} GPA
25%	Median	75%	

<b>162</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>168</b>	} LSAT
25%	Median	75%	

**108** Undergraduate Schools Represented

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

**35, D.C., China and Mexico**  
States and Foreign Nations Represented

## Permanent Residency

Alabama	3	Missouri	1
Alaska	3	Nebraska	1
Arizona	2	New Hampshire	1
Arkansas	3	New Jersey	3
California	16	New York	17
Colorado	1	North Carolina	3
Delaware	1	Ohio	3
District of Columbia	6	Oklahoma	1
Florida	21	Oregon	1
Georgia	9	Pennsylvania	2
Illinois	10	Rhode Island	1
Indiana	1	South Carolina	3
Iowa	1	Tennessee	15
Kentucky	4	Texas	11
Louisiana	2	Virginia	9
Maryland	2	Wisconsin	1
Massachusetts	6		
Michigan	4	China	1
Minnesota	2	Mexico	1
Mississippi	2		

**Applying to enter Fall 2020?** We would like to know you better as a prospective student — and for you to learn more about Vanderbilt. That's why we offer in-person admission interviews with VLS alumni as part of the application process, and why VLS alumni conduct interviews nationwide and in several foreign locations. To request an alumni interview, complete the interview request section of the VLS application and submit your application by November 15.

**Visit VLS!** When classes are in session, prospective students can register for student-guided tours and to sit in on a first-year law class at the Visiting VLS section of our website. Visitors can also take a self-guided tour of the law school by checking in at the Admissions Office.

## Undergraduate Schools Represented

American University	1	Furman University	1	Northern Illinois University	1	University of Kentucky	2
Auburn University	1	George Mason University	1	Northwestern University	1	University of Maryland	3
Baylor University	1	George Washington University	1	Ohio State University	3	University of Michigan	4
Berry College	1	Georgia Institute of Technology	1	Pepperdine University	1	University of Mississippi	2
Bethel College (IN)	1	Georgia State University	2	Princeton University	1	University of Missouri	1
Boston College	1	Georgetown University	2	Rhodes College	1	University of North Alabama	1
Boston University	1	Grinnell College	1	Sewanee: The University of the South	1	University of North Carolina	4
Bowdoin College	2	Harding University	1	Southern Methodist University	2	University of Notre Dame	3
Brandeis University	1	Harvard University	1	SUNY - Binghamton	1	University of Oklahoma	1
Brigham Young University	1	Hollins University	1	Texas A&M University	1	University of Pittsburgh	1
Brown University	1	Howard University	1	Texas Christian University	1	University of Richmond	1
Centre College	1	Indiana University	1	Texas Tech University	1	University of Rochester	1
Chapman University	1	Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios	1	Tufts University	1	University of San Diego	1
College of New Jersey	1	Superior de Monterrey (Mexico)	1	Tulane University	1	University of South Alabama	1
College of William & Mary	1	Johns Hopkins University	1	Union College	1	University of Southern California	1
Colorado College	1	Kansas State University	1	United States Military Academy	1	University of Tennessee	4
Colorado School of Mines	1	Lee University	2	University of Arkansas	1	University of Texas	5
Columbia University	2	Lehigh University	1	University of California - Berkeley	1	University of Virginia	4
Cornell University	3	Louisiana State University	1	University of California - Davis	1	University of Wisconsin	1
Creighton University	1	Loyola Marymount University	1	University of California - Irvine	1	Vanderbilt University	9
CUNY - Baruch College	1	Macalester College	1	University of California - Los Angeles	3	Washington and Lee University	3
Davidson College	2	Miami University (OH)	1	University of California - Santa Barbara	2	Washington University (MO)	3
Duke University	1	Michigan State University	2	University of Central Florida	1	Western Washington University	2
Elon University	1	Middle Tennessee State University	1	University of Cincinnati	1	Westmont College	1
Emory University	4	Mississippi State University	1	University of Florida	4	Wofford College	1
Florida Gulf Coast University	1	Mount Holyoke College	1	University of Georgia	1		
Fordham University	1	Nebraska Wesleyan University	1	University of Illinois	2		
Franklin and Marshall College	1	New York University	6	University of Iowa	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
- Geriatric Medical-Legal Partnership
- Immigration Practice
- Intellectual Property & the Arts
- International Law Practice Lab
- Youth Opportunity
- Semester Externships

### Financial Assistance

- 2019–20 tuition: \$59,550
- 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: 10th (2018, 2017, 2013, 2011), 9th (2012)—*Princeton Review*
- Best Professors: 9th (2019)—*Princeton Review*

### Top Prospects

- 11th, Federal Judicial Clerkship Report, June 27, 2018, ranking law schools by percentage of graduates taking federal judicial clerkships, 2015–2017
- 10th, Percentage of 2018 graduates employed as full-time judicial clerks (9.5%, based on ABA data)
- 12th, Percentage of 2018 law graduates employed in full-time, long-term jobs in firms with more than 100 lawyers based on ABA data

- 13th, 2019 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*
- 7th, “Best Schools for Public Service,” *PreLaw Magazine*, Winter 2016
- 7th (score 4.12 out of 5), 2014 American Lawyer survey asking mid-level associates at private firms to rate their law schools on how well they prepared students for practice

### Top Location: Nashville

- Best Quality of Life: 2nd (2019, 2018), 3rd (2017)—*Princeton Review*
- #1 Metro Area for Professional and Business Service Jobs, *Forbes*, 2017
- 1st, 2015 *Business Facilities*’ ranking of cities for “Economic Growth Potential”
- 5th, GoodCall.com ranking of the “Top 10 Large Metro Areas for Law Students”
- 7th, Best Performing Cities, Milken Institute Index of Large Cities, 2016
- 1st, 2015 *Travel & Leisure* ranking of the “Top Cities for Live Music”
- 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 more than 9,800 alumni, which covers 50 states, D.C., two U.S. territories and more than 40 foreign nations, includes leaders in law, government, academia, business and industry, public service and other areas.

### MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS, CLASSES 2014–2018

Tennessee	19%
New York	14%
Texas	9%
Washington, D.C.	9%
Georgia	7%
Florida	4%
Illinois	4%
California	3%

The remaining 31% took employment across another 35 states and internationally.

## J.D. Employment Destinations—Classes of 2014–2018

