

Dear Incoming Student:

I invite you to consider the following question: “Do you just want to become a lawyer, or do you aspire to become a well-rounded practitioner who discovers legal passion, actually learns the art and practice of law and enters the legal world capable of making a meaningful difference?” Any law school can give you a law degree and help you pass the bar. Ohio Northern Law really invests in each student—personally, intellectually and professionally. After graduating from ONU, you will possess the ability to concretely identify your goals, have access to the resources to implement your plan and move forward into the world with the ability to achieve your own personal success.

Looking back to 2007 and my first day as an ONU law student in the summer starter program, I can recall the nervous excitement kicking in my stomach. It was a beautiful, warm day in late May when I joined 23 other eager minds in Civil Procedure class with Professor Hill. What a welcomed challenge! I knew that day, that completing a law program of this caliber would forever change me, positively.

After completing my three years at the Pettit College of Law, my initial assumption was officially confirmed. I was no longer the same young woman from 2007. I was better. I was stronger. After passing the bar exam, successfully obtaining a Tax LL.M. and certificate in Estate Planning from Georgetown University Law Center and becoming a senior tax associate in the national tax department of Ernst & Young in Washington, D.C., I am certain that my experiences at ONU provided me with the core skills and legal problem solving capabilities required to be in the place I am today.

Many imperative differences exist between ONU and other law schools that facilitate learning, growth and success. The most important for me include the following: (1) the small size of the law community, which results in more personal attention from professors; (2) the breadth and depth of course offerings, while still providing many options to specialize; (3) the impressively accomplished law faculty personally teaching each and every class; (4) the supplemental learning options, including Teaching Assistant sessions, availability of academic support staff, law review journal and moot court and (5) the welcoming and supportive spirit of faculty and staff towards alumni.

Although it is impossible to give you a full understanding of the ONU value, I hope you have a taste of the amazing opportunities that await you at ONU law. I look forward to welcoming you into the diverse network of alumni and hearing about your ONU journey!

All the best,



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