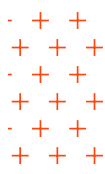


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OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY AND THE PETTIT COLLEGE OF LAW

Ohio Northern University began with a single person and a single idea. In 1871, Henry Solomon Lehr, with support from the community, founded the Northwestern Ohio Normal School as a teacher-training institution. Two other name changes would follow: first, to Ohio Normal University, and second, in 1903, to Ohio Northern University. The evolution from a normal school to a true university reflects an impressive period of growth in both size and scope, one that distinctively combined traditional arts and sciences departments and education with the professional fields of engineering, pharmacy, law, and business. In 1899, the university affiliated with the United Methodist Church and more intentionally embraced the Judeo-Christian values of becoming church-related. From these beginnings, Ohio Northern has developed a focus on teaching, learning, scholarship, and professional practice, and a campus environment that is student centered, service oriented, and values based.

MISSION

Influenced by a unique history and an enduring affiliation with the United Methodist Church, Ohio Northern's mission is to provide a high-quality learning environment that prepares students for success in their careers; service to their communities, the nation, and the world; and a lifetime of personal growth inspired by the higher values of truth, beauty, and goodness. The university's distinctive academic program includes mutually supporting liberal and professional education components that integrate practice with theory, complemented by excellent co-curricular offerings that enrich the Ohio Northern experience. To fulfill this mission, faculty and staff engage with students so they can learn to think critically, creatively, and entrepreneurially; communicate effectively; gain practical experience; solve problems collaboratively; and act as ethical and responsible members of a global community.

VISION 2021

Ohio Northern's vision is to be among the best private, comprehensive universities in the nation, known for programs of excellence and distinction, and recognized for effectively integrating arts and sciences disciplines, professional studies, high-impact learning, and civic engagement.

To achieve higher levels of excellence and distinction and greater national recognition, the university will build on its current strengths and pursue the following key elements of a shared strategic vision:

- We will identify and implement opportunities for both new and existing academic program growth, with programs in the allied health professions among the first to be considered.
- We will adopt technology resources that enhance student learning and improve administrative functioning.
- We will align our financial aid policies, curriculum, and support services to become a peer leader in graduating students in four years.

- We will build strategic partnerships and expand opportunities to serve our local communities, the region, and beyond.
- We will develop a new campus master plan to meet academic and co-curricular needs, focusing first on a new engineering building and enhanced student services.
- We will incorporate sustainable practices to be better stewards of our environmental, energy, and financial resources.
- We will improve the financial state and fiscal strength of the university.
- We will develop a more compelling brand promise for the university that will advance and enhance our national reputation.

By successfully implementing these key strategies, Ohio Northern will be poised to celebrate its sesquicentennial year in 2021 and be prepared for continued 21st-century success.

CORE VALUES

- **Collaboration:** We encourage the development of unique collaborations that further distinguish the university.
- **Community:** We are a community that strives to be “purposeful, open, just, disciplined, caring, and celebrative” (Boyer, 1990) and that is strengthened by engaging all members of the community in the life of the university.
- **Diversity:** We value the core belief expressed in the university’s motto, “Ex diversitate vires” (out of diversity strength), and provide experiences and programs that prepare graduates for success in a diverse nation and world.
- **Excellence:** We aspire to achieve the highest standards of performance in our professional fields and our roles at the university.
- **Faith:** We celebrate the university’s historic relationship and active affiliation with the United Methodist Church and welcome persons of all faiths by providing a supportive environment for their moral and spiritual growth.
- **Integrity:** We expect individuals to conduct themselves with honesty, trustworthiness, and respect for others.
- **Service:** We encourage service to others and civic engagement, both as a commitment to community involvement and as a responsibility of democratic citizenship.

Reference: Boyer, Ernest L., *Campus Life: In Search of Community*. Princeton, NJ: The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, 1990.

ONU LAW

The Claude W. Pettit College of Law began in 1885, making it the second oldest of the nine Ohio law schools. As a small school, the college has its own tradition of providing an outstanding legal education in a less formal, familiar environment. In 1895, the college instituted a three-year program of study, leading to the award of the LL.B. From these beginnings, ONU Law commenced a long tradition of training lawyers for the practice of law and for public service.

As graduates of ONU Law spread throughout the state and region, they became judges and elected officials across the Midwest. One of the most

distinguished graduates of this era was Frank B. Willis, former governor of Ohio and a U.S. senator, until his death in 1928. While in the Senate, Willis served with two other former ONU Law graduates, senators from Indiana and Kentucky.

Legal education developed and matured in America, and the college also evolved. The lecture and recitation method of instruction gave way to the case method. In 1927, two years of college were required for admission to ONU Law, three years in 1952, and in 1960 a baccalaureate degree. In 1948, the college became accredited by the American Bar Association and in 1965 became a member of the Association of American Law Schools. In 1973, the college was named the Claude W. Pettit College of Law, in honor of Judge Pettit, who served as dean from 1933 to 1955. Currently ONU Law is located in Tilton Hall, built in 1973 and expanded and remodeled in 1983, 1998, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2017, and 2020.

ONU Law continues its historic commitment to teaching and developing lawyers dedicated to the law and to public service. The traditions of Ohio Northern's origins are reflected in the smaller classes and ready accessibility of faculty. The national and international scope of the curriculum and credentials of the faculty reflect the modern dedication to a law school of national repute. In 2010-11, ONU Law celebrated 125 years of preparing students for the legal profession.

ONU Law's mission is to educate and transform students into competent, ethical, and professional legal practitioners able to apply their skills and talents in traditional and emerging environments.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR J.D. STUDENTS

ADMISSION POLICY

ONU Law conducts a holistic review of applications in accordance with ONU Law's nondiscrimination policy to admit students capable of successfully undertaking the rigorous program of study. The ONU Law Admissions Committee considers myriad variables, including, but not limited to, cumulative undergraduate grade point average, highest Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) score, rigor of undergraduate coursework, prior work and educational experience, commitment to service, life experience, leadership ability or potential, demonstrated ability to overcome personal or structural barriers, evidence of discipline and responsibility, motivation to succeed at law school, and circumstances that put the applicant's academic and personal achievements into context. Students admitted to the college have demonstrated their potential to become competent, ethical, and professional legal practitioners. The ONU Law admission process is also committed to focusing on diversity and inclusion of all populations. The Office of Law Admissions recruits and admits qualified students with diverse characteristics from diverse backgrounds who have integrity and who are committed to the highest ethical standards as citizens and future lawyers.

The Admissions Committee values the academic, professional, and social benefits of having a diverse and inclusive student body. The educational experience is enhanced by a student body that is heterogeneous with respect to economic circumstances, ethnicity, gender, and viewpoint, as some of many markers of diversity. A diverse student body also serves the legal profession's future needs for

a diverse body of practitioners. Diversity refers to the variety of personal experiences, values, and worldviews that arise from differences of culture and circumstance. Such differences include race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, language, abilities/disabilities, socioeconomic status, geographic region, and more. Diversity is integral to ONU Law's achievement of excellence and enhances its ability to accomplish its academic mission. Diversity broadens and deepens both the educational experience and environment, as students and faculty learn to interact effectively with each other, preparing them to participate in an increasingly complex and pluralistic profession and society. ONU Law is committed to recognizing and nurturing merit, talent, and achievement by supporting diversity and equal opportunity in all its educational activities. ONU Law particularly acknowledges the need to focus on the recruitment and admission of qualified applicants from historically excluded populations who are currently underrepresented in the legal profession.

BASIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for admission to ONU Law must have received a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university prior to the start of the fall semester or be admitted pursuant to a 3 + 3 admission agreement with their undergraduate institution. While ONU Law neither endorses nor encourages specific course preparation, applicants are well-advised to take courses in any discipline that will develop logical and analytical skills, require communication in oral and written forms, and provide opportunity for critical review of ideas and theories.

LSAT AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants, including applicants from foreign countries, must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The LSAT is offered at various testing centers several times each year. ONU Law does accept scores from the June LSAT, though applicants are encouraged to take the test as early as possible in the academic year prior to the date they wish to begin law school. Test registration information can be obtained at www.LSAC.org.

Registration with the Law School Admission Council's (LSAC) Credential Assembly Service is required to provide the Admissions Committee with an official copy of the applicant's LSAT score report, an analysis of the applicant's undergraduate transcript(s), and a copy of at least one of the applicant's LSAT writing samples.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

First-year law students are admitted for classes beginning in the fall and summer of each year, but ONU Law does not admit new students for the spring semester. Applications for admission are available from the Office of Law Admissions and are accessible online at law.onu.edu. ONU Law has a rolling admissions cycle, accepting applications and rendering decisions from September to August. Students interested in admission are encouraged to apply early in the cycle to avail themselves of the greatest consideration for admission as well as scholarship and grant awards. All applications are automatically considered for

merit-based aid scholarships and institutional grants. Students not immediately admitted may be placed on a waiting list.

The deliberations of the Admissions Committee are confidential. Requests for personal interviews are not granted by the committee. The Office of Law Admissions will notify applicants of the status of their application and the final admission decision when reached.

Completed applications include the following:

1. ONU Law School (E)Application form fully completed, signed, and dated.
2. Credential Assembly Service report from the LSAC, including transcripts from all undergraduate institutions attended, LSAT score(s), and at least one LSAT Writing Sample.
3. A Character & Fitness Addendum is required if a student responds “yes” to any questions in the Character & Fitness section of the ONU Law School (E)Application. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to request additional documentation if necessary to verify and provide insight into the nature of the offense(s).

Files will not be reviewed by the committee until these requirements are fulfilled.

Upon being accepted to the fall class of ONU Law, applicants will be required to send an initial seat deposit by April 15th to reserve a place in the fall class. A second seat deposit will be required by June 15. Upon being accepted to the Summer Starter program, one seat deposit will be required by April 1st. All seat deposit payments are applied to first semester tuition. The Office of Financial Affairs will notify students when tuition is due and advise new students of the tuition payment options available through the university. Financial aid programs and requirements are fully explained under a separate heading in this publication.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students who are currently enrolled and in good standing at another law school may apply to transfer to ONU Law. To apply, transfer students must submit the following information:

1. ONU Law School (E)Application form fully completed, signed, and dated.
2. Credential Assembly Service report from the LSAC, including transcripts from all undergraduate institutions attended, LSAT score(s), and at least one LSAT Writing Sample.
3. A letter from the dean or appropriate law school official stating that the student is in good standing and eligible to return to his/her current school.
4. An official transcript of all law school work.
5. The student’s law school class rank.
6. A Character & Fitness Addendum is required if a student responds “yes” to any questions in the Character & Fitness section of the ONU Law School

(E)Application. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to request additional documentation if necessary to verify and provide insight into the nature of the offense(s).

Students who were previously enrolled at another law school but are no longer currently enrolled will need to apply as “First Time” applicants (or as “Reapplicants”) rather than as transfer students. If admitted, they will be evaluated to see if any credits will transfer.

ONU Law will not admit or readmit a student who has been disqualified previously for academic reasons without an affirmative showing that the prior disqualification does not indicate a lack of capacity to complete its program of legal education and be admitted to the bar.

ONGOING DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS

Applicants admitted to ONU Law are required to disclose any information that would change their responses to any questions on the ONU Law School (E)Application, including and especially disclosure questions regarding arrests and criminal history, disciplinary action, pending criminal charges, and professional misconduct. Once students matriculate to ONU Law, this obligation to disclose continues through graduation.

ONU Law places high importance on the integrity, maturity, and candor of applicants. Applicants are required to update the Office of Law Admissions in a timely manner of any circumstance that may alter their response to any question on the application. ONU Law reserves the right to revoke an offer of admission if the Admissions Committee determines that an applicant has engaged in behavior that brings into question the applicant’s honesty, maturity, moral character, or fitness to practice law. ONU Law may revoke an offer of admission if the Admissions Committee determines that the applicant has provided false, incomplete, incorrect, or misleading information during the admissions process, or if new information is not provided in a timely manner. Applicants determined by the Admissions Committee to have provided incorrect, incomplete, or misleading information in their applications may be reported to the LSAC’s Committee on Misconduct or Irregularities in the Admission Process.

SUMMER STARTER PROGRAM

This program was created for students whose grade point averages indicate probable academic success in law school despite disproportionate LSAT scores. The Summer Starter Program is not a summer qualifier or conditional acceptance program. Once admission to the Summer Starter Program is granted (based on a fully completed application, LSAC Credential Assembly Service report, and an on-campus interview), the student is a member of the entering class. Interviews are granted on an invitation-only basis. Students admitted to the program have been offered admission to the entering class but must attend the summer program or they will forfeit their offer of admission.

The curriculum for students admitted to this program includes one two-hour course in Legal Analysis and a six-hour version of Civil Procedure. Students meet

with tutors weekly and are tested every week. Class participation, test preparation, and study skills are important aspects of legal education discussed in individual weekly sessions with the Academic Success staff. Test results are also reviewed and analyzed. Furthermore, a heavy emphasis is placed on providing intensive writing experience with frequent feedback. The fall course schedule for the summer starters includes classes that were not taken in the summer as well as Legal Research and Writing.

CONCURRENT J.D./M.S.A.

Students with an interest in taxation can earn both their Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree and a Master of Science in Accounting (M.S.A.) degree through a concurrent degree program offered by ONU Law and the Dicke College of Business Administration. Students admitted to the program can earn both degrees within three academic years. Concurrent degree students begin their studies with the standard first-year curriculum of ONU Law. In the summer following their first year, students will take two courses in the J.D./M.S.A. track. Following a second academic year of specialized courses and electives, students will be placed in a summer externship for credit that will offer a field experience in tax accounting. The students will then complete a third year of study and earn both the J.D. and M.S.A. degrees in the spring.

Requirements: An undergraduate degree in accounting or a related field and admission to the J.D. and M.S.A. programs.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS SERVICES

The Academic Success Program has two interrelated purposes: first, to help law students adjust academically to the unique experience of law school by equipping them to refine the academic skills they already have and develop new skills; and, second, to help students prepare for the bar exams in their states.

To meet both of these purposes, Academic Success takes a multifaceted approach. The Succeed Program offers structured workshops or study groups for each first-year course and for selected upper-level courses that cover subjects typically tested on bar exams. These sessions include information on effective study techniques, exam-taking skills, and review of substantive material.

The Academic Success Program also offers review sessions on material that may appear on bar exams, sponsors workshops on techniques to improve academic performance, conducts individual counseling sessions, and implements an in-depth bar review program for third-year law students.

DISABILITIES POLICY

No qualified person shall, on the basis of disability, be denied admission to Ohio Northern or be subjected to discrimination in recruitment or admission by Ohio Northern, or be excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of any program or activity of Ohio Northern. A qualified disabled person is a disabled person who meets the academic and technical (i.e., non-academic admissions criteria essential to participation in a program or activity) standards requisite to admission to Ohio Northern or participation in its programs and activities.

Ohio Northern does not make pre-admission inquiries as to whether an applicant of admissions is disabled. However, Ohio Northern may, in connection with its voluntary efforts to overcome the effects of limited participation in the university's programs by disabled persons, invite applicants, on a voluntary basis, to indicate whether and to what extent they are disabled.

After admission, Ohio Northern may make inquiries on a confidential basis as to disabilities that may require accommodation. Disabled students admitted to Ohio Northern who require accommodation of a disability should request such accommodation in writing from the associate dean for academic affairs using the forms provided on the ONU Law website. Requests for reasonable accommodation will be honored unless they impose an undue hardship on Ohio Northern.

No individual shall be discriminated against on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities privileges, advantages, or accommodations of any place of public accommodation owned or leased by Ohio Northern.

RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the following has been designated as directory information and may be released without the student's specific approval: (1) student name; (2) home and local address and telephone numbers; (3) major fields of study and college of enrollment; (4) degrees, honors, and awards received; (5) class (year of study); (6) dates of attendance; (7) most recent institution attended; (8) previous degrees earned and attending institutions; (9) participation in officially recognized activities and sports; (10) height and weight of members of athletic teams; (11) enrollment status (full time or part time); (12) parent name and address; (13) student email address; and (14) student picture.

Students who do not wish directory information released about them must notify the Office of the Registrar in writing.

Students have the right to inspect their educational records, to have inaccurate records corrected, or to file complaints in accordance with the law.

Copies of university policies concerning educational records and location of such records may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.

CHARACTER AND FITNESS TO PRACTICE THE LAW

ONU Law makes the determination as to whether applicants' moral character warrants admission to law school. However, applicants should be aware that law schools generally do not determine who will be admitted to practice law in a particular state. Thus, applicants who have been convicted of crimes or have been subject to disciplinary action, either while attending college or while employed, have the responsibility for checking with the bar admission authority of the state in which those applicants intend to practice.

PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

Ohio Northern regularly conducts campus-based studies of student attitudes; student achievement; student satisfaction; and personal, professional, and career

development. These studies are grouped under the heading of student outcomes assessment and are conducted by the Office of Institutional Research, individual colleges, and academic programs. Data collection and analysis procedures employed ensure the confidentiality and privacy of individual participants and results are only provided in aggregate form. Participation in student outcomes assessment assists Ohio Northern in the continuous improvement of academic programming and student development.

HOUSING

The university makes available well-maintained living facilities at a moderate cost for all students. Off-campus apartments, rooms, and houses are available in the village of Ada.

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ONU Law is dedicated to assisting law students and alumni obtain employment in the legal field. This is primarily achieved through the Office of Career and Professional Development, led by a full-time director with the assistance of a Placement Committee composed of faculty members and student representatives.

The Office of Career and Professional Development works with students beginning in their first year of law school and throughout law school to develop a career search strategy that will help students achieve their goals. Individual attention is provided to help students determine their interests and to identify experiential learning opportunities during summers and part time during the school year that will enhance their legal education and increase their employability after receiving their J.D. degree.

Step-by-step guidance is provided for the creation of résumés and cover letters and preparing application materials. Programming for professional development is part of the law school experience, and emphasizes the importance of understanding the expectations of professionalism in the legal environment. Students have the opportunity to meet employers and alumni to increase their networking and interviewing skills and to learn more about particular areas of interest.

The Office of Career and Professional Development utilizes a variety of resources to help students find legal employment. Membership in organizations such as the National Association for Law Placement allows the director to attend conferences and engage in communications with employers and other law colleges to stay abreast of the latest in the field of legal employment in order to best serve students and alumni. An online resource guide is provided to students and alumni that covers almost all areas of legal employment. ONU Law's subscription to Symplicity, an online job posting system, allows students and alumni to view and apply for positions.

The Office of Career and Professional Development engages with alumni, not only to help with their career changes, but to benefit from the vast knowledge and willingness to help current students that alumni provide. Alumni recognize the quality education law students receive at ONU Law and are a major source of job opportunities. Alumni are also active participants in career and professionalism programming.

The office has developed long-standing relationships with government agencies, law firms, corporations, and public interest entities, and continuously seeks out new legal recruiters, encouraging them to post their jobs with ONU Law. Recruiters are invited to come to campus to interview or to request application packets be sent to them.

All ONU Law students are guaranteed individualized attention in their career searches through the Office of Career and Professional Development. This service extends, free of charge, as the law students join the rank of successful ONU Law alumni.

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

The Student Health Center staff educates and encourages students to make informed decisions about health care concerns and empowers students to be self-directed and well-informed citizens on personal health care. The university physician and a certified nurse practitioner hold regular office hours Monday through Friday in the Student Health Center. In addition, registered nurses are on duty Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. During the summer semester a registered nurse is on duty Monday through Friday with limited hours. The Student Health Center is a free walk-in clinic for all Ohio Northern enrolled students. The university recommends that all students make full use of the Student Health Center. All medical records are confidential, and only at the student's written request will the university physician supply information to another doctor. Records are destroyed four years after a student leaves Ohio Northern.

All students entering the university are required to submit a complete medical history, including a current immunization record.

Students who suffer from allergies may receive their allergy injections at the Student Health Center if they supply the serum and specific directions from their doctor or allergist.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH STUDENTS

Items of general interest to students from the administration, faculty, and staff will be sent by email. Communication with an individual student normally will be by letter, either to the student's local address, student mailboxes, or by email. It is the student's responsibility to check these areas on a regular basis.

BAR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The responsibility for meeting the requirements and deadlines for admission to the bar in the state in which the student intends to practice (including Ohio) rests with the student. All students are advised to continually check the requirements and deadlines of their jurisdictions.

OHIO STUDENT LAW PRACTICE CERTIFICATION

Law students may be eligible for a practice certificate from the Supreme Court of Ohio under terms set by the court. The current requirements are available on the Supreme Court of Ohio's website.

COUNSELING

The university provides counseling services for all enrolled students. Spouses of students are also eligible for couples counseling. The Counseling Center is staffed by licensed mental health professionals who are available Monday through Friday throughout the school year, including summer session. The Counseling Center staff adheres to a professional code of ethics in providing confidential services.

Students can receive help from the Counseling Center staff in order to better understand and resolve their difficulties. Some commonly presented concerns include loneliness, depression, suicidal thoughts, crisis intervention, homesickness, substance abuse, feelings of inadequacy, anxiety, roommate conflicts, relationship problems, loss or grief, and emotional trauma. In addition to counseling support, the outreach coordinator is also working to provide additional resources, information, and training relating to suicide and crisis prevention. The staff makes every effort to create an atmosphere where personal concerns of any type can be examined and discussed freely and confidentially. The staff also provides assistance to students who struggle with time management, procrastination, and test anxiety.

Any student interested in making an appointment can contact the Counseling Center directly; no referral is necessary. Normal office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Evening appointments may be available upon request.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Ohio Northern is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. For further information, contact the Office of Law Admissions.

Ohio Northern does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, transgender status, religion, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, military or veteran status, genetic information, or any other category protected by federal, state, or local law.

ONU LAW CALENDAR

2020-2021

FALL SEMESTER 2020

August

- 20-21 New law student orientation
- 24 Law classes begin
- 28 Last day to add a class or section

September

- 4 Beginning of "W" period for withdrawals
- 7 Labor Day - Classes are in session

October

- 26 Last day to withdraw
- 26-30 Registration for January term/spring

November

- 13 Last day to remove "I" (incomplete marks)
- 20 Classes end
- 23-24 Reading days
- 25-27 Thanksgiving recess
- 28-30 Reading days

December

- 1-11 Law finals
- 12-Jan 4 Christmas break
- 13 Fall law graduation

JANUARY TERM 2021

January (online education only)

- 5 Classes begin
- 6 Last day to add a class or section
- 7 Beginning of "W" period for withdrawals
- 13 Last day to withdraw
- 18 Martin Luther King Day - Classes recess
- 21 Last day of classes
- 22 Reading day
- 25-26 Law finals

SPRING SEMESTER 2021

January

27 Classes begin

February

2 Last day to add a class or section

9 Beginning of "W" period for withdrawals

March

8-12 Spring Break

15 Classes resume

22-26 Summer/Fall registration

April

2 Good Friday - Classes recess

6 Last day to withdraw

23 Last day to remove "I" (incomplete marks)

30 Classes end

May

1-3 Reading days

4-14 Law finals

15 Commencement (Sat.)

SUMMER SESSION 2021

May

24 Classes begin

27 Last day to add a class or section

31 Memorial Day - Classes recess

June

4 Beginning of "W" period for withdrawals

July

1 Last day to withdraw

2 Independence Day observed - Classes recess

19 Classes end

20-21 Reading days

22-23 Law finals

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Students who have excelled academically may be eligible for legal scholarship awards subject to availability. Merit-based scholarships recognize students who have outstanding academic credentials, diverse backgrounds, and leadership abilities that indicate the applicants' potential to excel in all aspects of the law school experience. Awards range from \$5,000 to \$29,000. Students who meet these criteria will be automatically notified of their awards, and no separate application is required. All prospective scholarship recipients should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application and submit the required documentation to ensure maximum financial assistance. Scholarships are renewable in the second and third years of law school as long as the student remains in good academic standing. Additional scholarship awards, which are also renewable, are made to students who distinguish themselves academically during their first year.

Scholarships and grants are awarded assuming full-time enrollment for both fall and spring semesters and are divided evenly between the semesters. If a student attends only one of these semesters the scholarship and/or grant will be reduced accordingly. (Example: A \$10,000 scholarship will provide \$5,000 per semester, but the student must be in attendance for two semesters to receive the full amount.)

While full-time enrollment is normally required for a student to receive Ohio Northern scholarships and grants, an exception will be made for one fall or spring semester during a student's enrollment at ONU Law provided the student is enrolled for at least three credit hours. For many students this is the final semester of enrollment where less than 12 credit hours are needed to complete the degree program. During this semester Ohio Northern scholarships and grants will be prorated by dividing the number of hours registered by 12 and multiplying the resulting percentage by the full-time semester award amount of the scholarship or grant. To initiate this proration of funds, students must communicate intent to enroll for less than 12 credit hours to the Office of Financial Aid by the end of the last day to add a class of the applicable semester.

LOAN PROGRAMS

Anyone who applies to ONU Law and who is interested in financial assistance must submit the FAFSA. Applications and additional information about individual loan programs may be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid. The FAFSA can be filed online starting October 1st of each year at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Applicants should file the FAFSA as soon as possible to ensure early financial aid notification. Although financial aid applications will not be processed until the applicant is admitted to ONU Law, applicants should not wait for the notice of acceptance before beginning the financial aid application process.

Law students filing the FAFSA may be considered for the following programs:

- (1) **Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loans** are available to students filing the FAFSA. Law students are eligible for up to \$20,500 per year. The loan is unsubsidized meaning the student is responsible for interest charges while in school. Interest may be paid by the student or deferred and capitalized. The interest rate is fixed and the grace period is six months.
- (2) **On-campus employment opportunities** at ONU Law and other areas on campus can provide a modest income for needy students. It is generally advisable that first-year students limit their work hours due to the academic load. Efforts will be made to offer employment opportunities to those upper-class students who wish to return to campus jobs. Law students entering their second or third year may also be considered for law research assistantships, positions with the Law Review, and residence hall assistant positions. These areas provide financial compensation for valuable work experiences and are normally publicized through ONU Law.
- (3) **Veterans** who qualify for benefits from the Veterans Administration are provided guidance services by Ohio Northern financial aid personnel.

The following two additional loans for law students are available:

- (1) **Graduate PLUS loans** are federally sponsored loans for students attending graduate school. With a Graduate PLUS loan, students may borrow up to the full cost of their education, less other financial aid received, including federal Stafford loans. The Graduate PLUS interest rate is fixed. There is an origination fee charged by the federal government. Repayment on Graduate PLUS loans begins within 60 days after the final disbursement of the loan. Graduate PLUS loans will be placed into in-school deferment for borrowers who are certified by their school to be attending at least half time. No payments are required during in-school deferment.
- (2) **Private/Alternative Loans** are private loans secured through a private lender. Graduate students may borrow up to the remaining cost of education. There are a variety of different private loans available with some having variable interest rates and others having fixed. Co-borrowers may reduce the interest rate percentage. Deferments for principal and interest charges are available. To view a list of private loan lenders, please visit <http://www.onu.edu/loans>.

ADJUSTMENTS TO FINANCIAL AID

Students who withdraw during a term will be subject to adjustments in their financial assistance. The adjustment of financial aid depends on the policies of the organization from which the aid came. If the particular agency or foundation has no policy for adjustment due to withdrawal, the adjustment will be made on the basis of Ohio Northern's refund policy.

The adjustments in charges for a student withdrawal may result in an outstanding balance on the student's account that will be due and payable at the time of withdrawal. Adjustments in loans from prior semesters are generally not made; however, students may wish to pay off any loans when they withdraw.

Wages from campus employment for the time worked up to date of withdrawal will be paid to the student on the next scheduled date of pay.

All adjustments in financial assistance will be made by the Office of Financial Aid. All inquiries or concerns regarding the financing of a student's education should be directed to the Office of Financial Aid, (419) 772-2272.

RULES OF THE COLLEGE OF LAW

SECTION 1.00 DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1.01 Eligibility

In order to graduate with a JD degree, a student must have:

- I. Obtained a baccalaureate degree from an approved educational institution or been otherwise admitted as a special student in accordance with the rules of the ABA and AALS; and
- II. Satisfactorily complete all graduation requirements, including all required courses and sufficient electives to aggregate 90 credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.0; and
 - (A) These hours must be earned in no less than 28 months and no more than 72 months after the date of matriculation.
 - (B) At least 75 of these credit hours must be completed in residence at Ohio Northern University. The Dean, at his discretion, may waive the number of hours to be completed in residence under special circumstances.
- III. Submit a timely Application for Graduation (available in the Dean's office). (Amended 10-7-14)

1.02 Required Courses:

The required courses for graduation are as follows:

1001 & 1002	Legal Research/Writing 1 & 2	1043	Torts
1011 & 1012	Civil Procedure 1 & 2	1052	Criminal Law
1021 & 1022	Contracts 1 & 2	1232	Business Organizations
11031 & 1032	Property 1 & 2	1280	Constitutional Law 1
1004	Legal Problem Solving and Analysis	1324	Evidence
1035	Public Law and the Legal Process	1388	Legal Profession

Each student, after completing his or her first year, must complete a seminar with a grade of "C" or higher. Each student, after completing his or her first year, must successfully complete at least seven hours of instruction elected from courses designated as meeting the skills requirement, no more than six of which may be clinic or externship courses. (Amended 9-15-2020)

1.03 Commencement Attendance:

A candidate for the degree of Juris Doctor is expected to attend the commencement exercise at which he/she is scheduled to receive his/her degree. In

case of hardship, however, a degree candidate may submit a written request to the dean asking that his/ her degree be awarded in absentia. If the dean approves the request, it shall then be transmitted to the academic vice president of the University, who shall take final action on the request.

SECTION 2.00 CLASS ATTENDANCE & COURSE PREPARATION

2.01 Attendance Requirement:

- (a) Classroom instruction is an essential element of legal education. Regular attendance is a necessary component of a student's education, with adequate preparation and active participation important to attain the greatest benefit from classroom experience.
- (b) Instructors shall develop attendance policies for each of their classes; these policies shall be designed to emphasize and effectuate regular classroom attendance. These policies must be reasonable, and they must be submitted to the Dean at the start of the semester.
- (c) Instructors may decide, as part of their attendance policy, that students who are absent in excess of 25% of the class meetings of a particular course shall be dropped from the course with the designation of "W" (withdrawal).
- (d) Instructors shall provide a written statement of their attendance policy to their students at the first class meeting.
- (e) Instructors shall take attendance in each class.
- (f) Instructors shall give written notice to students whose class attendance causes them to be within one day's absence of being penalized; provided, however, that when a particular day's absence counts for more than one absence, written notice shall be given as soon as practical thereafter, but in no event later than five class days. (Amended 5-10-05)

2.02 Outlines:

It is the position of the faculty that the use of cans and outlines prepared by outside companies and legal fraternities is not in the best interest of the students.

2.03 Outside Work:

The study of law is a rigorous full-time occupation. The College of Law strongly discourages law students from working more than 20 hours a week if enrolled in law school for 12 hours or more. First-year students are discouraged from any employment during the school year. (Amended 10-26-05, Amended 9-9-14)

SECTION 3.00 CREDIT HOURS PER SEMESTER

3.01 Full-time Student Status Required:

In order to be considered a full-time student, a student must register for at least 12 hours each semester. This rule applies to fall and spring semesters only; it does not include the January term or summer session. No student may take fewer than 12 hours in the fall and spring semesters, without the prior approval of the Dean. No student may take more than 17 hours in any semester. (Amended 10-7-14)

SECTION 4.00 COURSE WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES

4.01 Required Course Withdrawal:

Permission to withdraw from a required course will not be granted unless there are extraordinary circumstances.

4.02 Elective Course Withdrawal:

- (a) A student may withdraw from an elective course at any time during the drop/add period without the approval of the dean.
- (b) A student may not withdraw from an elective course after the drop/add period designated by the registrar's office unless permission is obtained from the dean.
- (c) A student who withdraws from a course after the drop/add period through the ninth week shall receive the grade "W".
- (d) After the ninth week a student who withdraws from a course shall receive a grade of "F", unless an exception is made by the dean for extraordinary circumstances.

SECTION 5.00 EXAMINATION POLICIES

5.01 General:

Examinations are to be taken at the date and time scheduled. If it is impossible or extremely impractical for the student to take an examination at its scheduled time, he/ she shall consult with the dean in advance of the examination. If, however, such prior consultation is not possible, the student shall confer with the dean as soon as practicable after the examination. The dean, after consultation with the instructor involved, may at his or her discretion, and for good cause shown, excuse the student's absence from the examination.

- (a) In no event will an examination be re-scheduled because of the number of examinations a student is scheduled to take within any time period, unless the student has more than one (1) examination on the same day. The dean, in consultation with the faculty members, will determine which exam will be rescheduled.
- (b) A conflict with a bar examination shall not be grounds for the rescheduling of a law school examination.

5.02 Prior Permission:

If the absence of a student from an examination is excused by the dean, the dean may permit the student to take the examination originally administered, provided (1) the examination can be taken within a short time after the date of its regular administration, and (2) there is no reason to believe that the student has information as to the contents of the examination.

5.03 Special Examinations:

To avoid undue hardship in an unusual case, the dean, with the consent of the instructor involved, may authorize the administration of a special examination (that

is, an examination different from the regular examination in the course) in the case of a student whose absence from the regular examination has been excused.

5.04 Unexcused Absence:

A student whose absence from an examination is not excused by the dean shall receive a grade of "F" in the course.

SECTION 6.00 GRADING POLICIES

6.01 General:

A plus and minus letter grade system shall be used: (A+ = 4.33; A = 4.00; A- = 3.67; B+ = 3.33; B = 3.00; B- = 2.67; C+ = 2.33; C = 2.00; C- = 1.67; D+ = 1.33; D = 1.00; D- = 0.67; F = 0.00).

6.02 Grade Averages:

- (a) Grade averages shall be computed by multiplying the numeric grade equivalent for each letter by the number of hours in the course and by dividing the sum of such products by the total semester hours allocated to the courses for which the grade average is sought.
- (b) Courses in which a grade of "S" or "U" is used shall not be averaged with other courses in computing a student's grade average.

6.03 Good Standing:

- (a) In order to be in good academic standing in the College of Law, a student must maintain an accumulative grade point average of 2.00 at all times.
- (b) A student registered in the College of Law who retains a period of eligibility for intercollegiate athletics must be in good academic standing at the end of the previous semester. Students not in good academic standing cannot participate in extracurricular competitive activities of individuals, teams, or other groups officially designated as representing the University.

6.04 Eligibility to Continue Study:

Every student whose accumulative grade point average at the end of any spring semester is below 2.00 shall be dismissed from the College of Law.

6.05 Good Standing Requirement for Graduation:

An accumulative average of 2.00 for the entire three years is required for graduation. However, a student who fails to achieve a 2.00 average by the end of his or her third year, may, at the discretion of the dean, be allowed a reasonable length of time in which to take further courses for the purpose of raising his or her final average to 2.00.

6.06 Failing Grades:

- (a) A student who receives a failing grade (F) in any required course must repeat the course; a student shall not be allowed to repeat an elective course without permission of the dean and the faculty member involved.
- (b) A student who has a grade of "D" or higher in a course may not repeat the course for credit unless the student was declared scholastically ineligible to continue in the College of Law but was subsequently reinstated under special conditions.

6.07 Repeating Course Work:

When a course is repeated, the number of hours and the grades for both the original taking and the repetition shall be included in the computation of the grade average, but the course hours will only be counted once toward the hours required for graduation.

6.08 Incomplete Grades:

Grades of "I" not removed in the next regular semester by the deadline set forth in the academic calendar of the College of Law will be recorded as "F".

6.09 Auditors:

A student who wishes to attend class but does not wish to receive a grade for credit may register as an auditor during the first week of the semester. Permission must first be obtained from the instructor involved. Audited courses may not be used to meet J.D. degree requirements. An auditing student may not take an examination for the course.

6.10 Course Work at Another Law School:

- (a) Courses satisfactorily completed in other law schools may be accepted for credit by the College of Law at the discretion of the dean. Credit will be granted only for courses in which a grade of "C" or better is achieved.
- (b) Courses thus accepted for credit by the College of Law will normally be given credit toward graduation only; the grade itself will not be transferred. The provisions of this section shall apply both to students who transfer to the College of Law from other law schools and to those enrolled in the College of Law who take courses elsewhere with the permission of the dean in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.03 of these Rules.

6.11 Grade Appeal Procedure:

- (a) Each faculty member in the College of Law has sole responsibility for determining the grades he/she assigns in a course.
- (b) Any student dissatisfied with his/her grade in a course should raise the issue with the faculty member involved and take advantage of whatever procedures the faculty member has established for review of the student's examination, paper or other class work. Any student who remains aggrieved by his/her

grade after taking full advantage of such procedures may raise the grievance with the dean.

- (c) The dean may conduct such investigation of the grievance as the dean in his/her discretion deems advisable. In all cases, however, the dean shall give the faculty member involved notice of the grievance an opportunity to respond.
 - (d) If, upon completing such an investigation, the dean is firmly convinced that a manifest abuse of the faculty member's discretion has occurred, the dean may recommend that the faculty member change the affected grade.
 - (e) The student has the responsibility to request a review of his/her grade as soon as possible. The dean may refuse to consider any grievance which is not pursued in an expeditious manner.
 - (f) Nothing in this procedure shall prevent a student complaining of sexual harassment or discrimination on the basis of race; color; sex; gender identity; transgender status; religion; national origin; age; disability; sexual orientation; marital status; military or veteran status; genetic information; any other category protected by federal, state, or local law; or political beliefs from raising such complaint immediately with the dean or any other person.
- (Amended 9-15-20)

SECTION 7.00 ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND READMISSION PROCEDURES

7.01 Academic Standards:

- (a) Students must maintain a 2.00 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) to remain in good academic standing in the College of Law.
- (b) Students whose CGPA at the end of any spring semester or at the end of six fulltime semesters is below a 2.00 will be dismissed from the College of Law.
- (c) Students who have been dismissed and whose CGPA is below a 1.90 may not petition for readmission under the procedure set forth below except upon motion of a faculty member approved by two-thirds of the governing faculty. Such a motion and the accompanying petition must be distributed to the faculty no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to a vote on the motion.
- (d) Students who have been dismissed and whose CGPA is 1.90 or higher may petition the Admissions Committee for readmission under the procedures set forth below.
- (e) Students enrolled in summer school whose CGPA at the end of spring semester is below 2.00 will be dismissed at the end of the spring semester, subject to the petition process of Rule 7.01(d). All tuition and fees paid for summer school will be refunded to students who are dismissed. Summer school grades will not be considered during the petition process.

7.02 Readmission Procedure for Academic Dismissals:

- (a) Students eligible to petition the Admissions Committee for readmission can do so only one time. Such petition shall be made within one year of the

student's dismissal, absent a finding of exceptional circumstances made by the dean.

- (b) Upon receiving a petition for readmission from a student eligible to petition, the Admissions Committee can vote to readmit the student or to deny readmission.
- (c) Students denied readmission by the Admissions Committee have the right to petition the dean of the College of Law for readmission. The dean, upon receipt of such petition, can deny the petition or, upon a finding that extraordinary circumstances exist with respect to a student's academic performance, can forward the petition to the faculty in writing, specifying the extraordinary circumstances.
- (d) Where the dean denies the petition for readmission, the student will have no right of appeal.
- (e) Where the dean forwards the petition to the faculty, the student can be readmitted if two-thirds of the governing faculty presents votes in favor of readmission. Members of the governing faculty who serve on the Admissions Committee may participate in any readmission vote by the faculty.
- (f) Any student who has been readmitted by the Admissions Committee or by the faculty will have no right to petition for readmission if subsequently academically suspended.

7.03 Presumption of Academic Deficiency:

The suspension for academic deficiency carries a strong presumption that the student does not possess the capacity or motivation necessary to successfully complete the course of study required by the College of Law. The burden of rebutting this presumption is on the petitioning student. The committee may require that the student pass a readmissions examination and may consider all matters relevant to the student's capacity and motivation to do the required work.

7.04 Conditions of Readmission:

The Admissions Committee or the governing faculty may impose any reasonable conditions upon the student's readmission.

SECTION 8.00 WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

8.01 Memorandum Required:

Any student desiring to withdraw from the College of Law shall submit a memorandum to the dean requesting that his/her withdrawal be authorized and submit the required withdrawal form.

8.02 Authorization Required:

Any student who withdraws from the College of Law without authorization from the dean shall be given grades of "F" in all courses in which he/she was registered at the time of the unauthorized withdrawal.

8.03 Readmission After Withdrawal: Leave of Absence

- (a) Any student who has completed at least one full semester and is in good academic standing who requests permission from the dean to withdraw from the College of Law may also request a leave of absence for up to one year. The dean may grant such leave under whatever reasonable conditions he/she may deem appropriate.
- (b) Any student who has completed at least one full semester and is in good academic standing who was granted permission to withdraw but did not request a leave of absence may apply to the dean for readmission to the College of Law to resume study not later than the beginning of the third semester following withdrawal. The dean may readmit the student under whatever reasonable conditions he/she may deem appropriate.
- (c) Any student not in good academic standing or who has not completed at least one full semester who requests permission from the dean to withdraw shall not be permitted to return to the College of Law except as provided herein.
 - (1) Students who have completed at least one semester and are not in good academic standing must request a leave of absence from the faculty Admissions and Readmissions Committee. The committee may only grant such leave of absence on the condition that the student return to the College of Law to resume the regular sequence of the curriculum within one year (i.e., a student requesting leave at the end of his/her first semester can only resume with the second semester courses the first spring semester following his/her withdrawal). The committee may also impose whatever other reasonable conditions they deem appropriate.
 - (2) Students who have not completed at least one semester are ineligible for leave of absence and must request a deferral of their admission from the faculty Admission and Readmission Committee under the appropriate standard.

SECTION 9.00 STUDY AT ANOTHER LAW SCHOOL (TRANSIENT STATUS)

Students desiring to receive credit towards the degree requirements of the College of Law through study at another law school must apply for and obtain the permission of the dean of the College of Law pursuant to the requirements of this section and the other sections of these rules incorporated herein.

9.01 Part-Time Study:

Transient status will routinely be granted (up to the equivalent of one semester's worth of credits) for students requesting permission to take courses on a part-time basis at another American Bar Association accredited law school (or at a program sponsored by such a law school abroad). An application form must be completed (available from the administrative offices) indicating the name of the law school, the program to be attended, and the courses to be taken.

9.02 Full-Time Study:

- (a) Transient status will only be granted for students requesting permission to take work at another American Bar Association accredited law school on a full-time basis upon a showing that the student possesses compelling reasons reflecting a continuing, severe personal hardship.
- (b) Students applying for full-time transient status shall file a petition with the dean setting forth in detail their reasons for seeking full-time transient status. They shall also file an application (available from the administrative offices) indicating the name of the law school, and the courses to be taken.
- (c) The dean shall determine if the student has demonstrated a severe hardship sufficient to justify granting transient status. In doing so, the dean may make any additional inquiries necessary to ascertain the dimensions and validity of the hardship expressed. Examples of severe personal hardship include but are not limited to the need for medical treatment, otherwise unavailable, and severe family emergencies requiring prolonged personal attention otherwise unavailable.
- (d) An administrative processing fee of \$250.00 per semester shall be charged for each student who is granted full-time transient status to cover the costs of processing, reviewing and evaluating the work performed at the other law school.
- (e) In granting full-time transient status to a student, the dean may also permit the student to take courses required for graduation pursuant to Section 1.02 of these rules at the other law school.
- (f) Students attending another law school as full-time transient students are subject to the requirements of Section 1.03 of these Rules, "Commencement Attendance."

9.03 Credit:

- (a) Elective course work taken at another law school is subject to the conditions of Section 6.06 (a) and (b) of these Rules.
- (b) Credit for approved work at another law school shall only be given for courses in which a grade of "C" or better is achieved pursuant to Section 6.10(a) of these Rules.

SECTION 10.00 OUTSIDE STUDY (OTHER THAN LAW SCHOOL)

10.01 General:

Any student desiring to take work for credit in another college or school of this university or of any other college or university during the course of any semester must obtain prior approval of the dean. Credit received pursuant to this Section will not count toward receipt of a J.D. degree.

SECTION 11.00 TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES

11.01 Policy:

No member of the faculty or staff shall reveal, issue or transmit to a prospective employer, another person or an organization a complete or partial transcript or

report of the record of any student or former student in the College of Law unless authorized in writing to do so by the student or former student involved.

SECTION 12.00 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

12.01 General:

The conduct of a student in connection with his or her law study, including the taking of examinations and the submission of seminar papers, shall be governed by a Student Code of Conduct approved by the faculty.

SECTION 13.00 LAW LIBRARY RULES AND REGULATIONS

13.01 General:

Policies are printed in the Law Library Guide which is available in the Taggart Law Library.

SECTION 14.00 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

14.01 Delegation of Authority by the Law Dean:

Any authority granted to the dean of the College of Law may be delegated by him/her to the associate and/or assistant dean or any other faculty or staff member.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

REGISTRATION

Prior to advance registration for each semester, ONU Law and the university registrar publish the class schedule and additional information that governs the registration process.

Every student is expected to register in advance for the subsequent semester. Continuing students who do not complete advance registration, including payment of fees and any outstanding financial obligations, may register at late registration by paying an additional late registration fee. If a student advance registers but fails to pay fees in the time allowed, the student's registration will be cancelled, necessitating a new registration and payment of a late registration fee.

Please note the registration deadlines found in the ONU Law calendar.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The J.D. degree is conferred upon application to all students who, in no less than 28 months and no more than 72 months after matriculation, have successfully completed a total of 90 hours, including the courses graded with an "S" or "U", and with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.00 for all courses in which a letter grade is given. Those who have received credit from another college of law must have studied in full-time residence in this college for the completion of 75 of the hours towards graduation. The dean, at his discretion, may waive the number of hours to be completed in residence under special circumstances.

Degrees are conferred at the end of the semester during which requirements were completed. Commencement exercises are held at the close of the spring semester.

Students who complete their work prior to the spring semester are invited to participate. Students who graduate and complete at least 60 hours at ONU Law and whose CGPAs meet the standards for academic recognition will have this recognition announced at commencement, recorded on their diplomas, and recorded on their transcripts. The levels of academic recognition are cum laude: a CGPA of 3.30-3.59; magna cum laude: a CGPA of 3.60-3.89; and summa cum laude: a CGPA of 3.90 and above.

PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

The curriculum of ONU Law is set forth below. ONU Law is constantly engaged in critically evaluating the courses offered and the overall curriculum to assure that they adequately meet the changing needs of our students and the legal community as well as offer a broad variety of subjects.

FIRST-YEAR PROGRAM

The first-year courses cover the basic substantive areas of the law. Cases are studied not only to teach legal rules in a particular subject but to give special emphasis to the development of analytic techniques used by all lawyers regardless of the subject matter of their practice.

Courses		Fall Semester	January Term	Spring Semester
1001/1002	Legal Research/ Writing 1 & 2	3		2
1004	Legal Problem Solving and Analysis		2	
1011/1012	Civil Procedure 1 & 2	3		3
1021/1022	Contracts 1 & 2	3		3
1031/1032	Property 1 & 2	3		3
1035	Public Law and the Legal Process			3
1043	Torts	4		
1052	Criminal Law			3
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The schedule of first-year required courses will be adjusted for students who matriculated in the summer. They will take six credit hours of Civil Procedure and two credit hours of Legal Analysis through the Summer Starter Program and will have completed a total of 37 credit hours by the end of their first year.

UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

All students with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or below at the conclusion of their first year of study at ONU Law shall be required to take a bar passage-based course of study. Each qualifying student will be required to take Constitutional Law II, Criminal Procedure, and Transition to Practice as well as five of seven courses from a prescribed bar subject list prepared by the director and assistant director of Academic Success as a condition of graduation. This bar subject list will be designed to cover subjects tested on the bar exam of the state selected by the student.

In addition to the courses required in the first year, ONU Law requires upper division students to complete a sequence of courses during the second and third year of legal studies that will ensure a well-rounded legal education. Each student is also required to complete a seminar that entails a major paper and earn at least seven hours in courses designated as skills courses.

(Amended 11-13-14)

Upper Division Required Courses		Credit Hours
1232	Business Organizations 1	3
1280	Constitutional Law 1	3
1324	Evidence	3
1388	Legal Profession	2

Skills Requirement

Each student, after completing his or her first year, must successfully complete at least seven hours of instruction in designated skills courses. These courses are designed to train students in professional skills needed to practice law. All clinic and externship courses are skills courses. Courses other than clinical and externship offerings meet the skills requirement only if they involve multiple opportunities for assessment in drafting or simulation exercises involving problems of a type encountered in the practice of law. (Amended 9-15-20)

Seminar Requirement

Each student, during his or her second or third year, must complete, with a grade of "C" or higher, a seminar designated as complying with the Upper Division Writing Requirement. (See appropriate section in this catalog.) (Amended 10-7-14)

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS

The ONU Law faculty recognizes the achievement of students who have focused their studies and excelled in the areas of bankruptcy and commercial law, civil litigation, corporate law, criminal law, international law, public law and policy, real property law, small firm general practice, and taxation.

To achieve such recognition, a student must take a designated core course in the field plus additional courses from among a list of electives. The credit hours earned in the core course and the electives must total at least 15 credits. Students who achieve a cumulative 3.0 grade point average for the courses in such a

concentration will receive a certificate following their graduation that recognizes their achievement. A student must apply for a certificate.

To successfully complete the requirements of all certificates, except taxation, students must demonstrate substantial engagement with a relevant committee or section of a state bar association or the American Bar Association for at least one year. Such involvement may include subcommittee membership and leadership, writing articles for newsletters, attendance and participation at a committee or section meeting, and participation in subcommittee conference calls. If possible, bar engagement should include opportunities to network in person with members of the bar. The committee or section should be substantively related to the subject matter of the certificate.

A student must apply for a certificate of achievement.

The certificate tracks with the designated core courses and electives are the following:

- **Certificate Program in Bankruptcy and Commercial Law**

Required courses:

Bankruptcy & Creditor's Rights

One of the following three (the others may be taken as an elective):

Bankruptcy Clinic - Chapter 7 Trustee

Bankruptcy Clinic - Debtor's Counsel

Judicial Externship (Federal Bankruptcy Judge)

Electives:

Bankruptcy: Practice & Procedure

Commercial Code: Negotiable Instruments (January Term Only)

Commercial Code: Secured Transactions (January Term Only)

Commercial Law: Payments

Commercial Law: Sales and Secured Transactions

Commercial Transactions (Summer Only)

Corporate Finance

Taxation: Federal Income Tax

Possible Bar Association Membership Options:

ABA Business Law Section (many relevant committees)

OSBA Banking, Commercial & Bankruptcy Law Committee

- **Certificate Program in Civil Litigation**

Required courses:

Civil Procedure 1 & 2 (or summer course) Trial Advocacy

Electives:

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Civil Practice: An Introduction
Complex Litigation
Conflict of Laws
Domestic Relations
Evaluation and Proof of Personal Injury Damages
Evidence
Federal Courts
ONU Legal Clinic
Products Liability
Remedies
Scientific Evidence & Opinion Trial Advocacy: Advanced

Possible Bar Association Membership Options:

ABA Litigation Section
ABA Tort Trial Insurance Practice Section
OSBA Federal Courts & Practice Committee
OSBA Negligence Law Committee
OSBA Litigation Section

• Certificate Program in Corporate Law**Required course:**

Business Organizations 2

Electives:

Antitrust Law
Arbitration
Business Planning
Competitiveness and Corruption
Corporate Finance
Corporate Transactional Clinic
Intellectual Property/Unfair Competition Law
International Business Transactions
Securities Regulation
Taxation: Partnerships and Partners

Possible Bar Association Membership Options:

ABA Antitrust Section
ABA Business Law Section
OSBA Antitrust Section
OSBA Corporate Counsel Section
OSBA Corporate Law Committee
OSBA I.P. Law Section

- **Certificate Program in Criminal Law**

Required courses:

Criminal Law

Criminal Procedure

Prosecution or Public Defender Clinic

Electives:

Criminal Practice: Advanced

Criminal Practice: An Introduction

Evidence

International Criminal Law

Juvenile Law

Scientific Evidence & Opinion

Terrorism and Criminal Law

Trial Advocacy

Trial Advocacy: Advanced

Possible Bar Associate Membership Options:

OSBA Criminal Justice Committee

ABA Criminal Justice Section

- **Certificate Program in International Law**

Required course:

International Law

Electives:

Comparative Administrative Law

Comparative Constitutional Law

Immigration and Nationality Law

International and Comparative Law of NGOs

International Commercial Arbitration Law

International Comparative Law

International Criminal Law

International Human Rights Law

International Tax

Legal Issues in Transitional Democracies – Private Law

Legal Issues in Transitional Democracies – Public Law

Terrorism and Criminal Law

Possible Bar Association Membership Options:

ABA Section of International Law

OSBA International Law Committee

- **Certificate Program in Public Law and Policy**

Required courses:

Administrative Law

Public law and the Legal Process

Electives:

Comparative Administrative Law

Comparative Constitutional Law

Competitiveness and Corruption

Constitutional Law 1

Employment Discrimination Law

Environmental, Governmental, and/or Municipal Government Clinic

Environmental Law

Federal Courts

Immigration & Nationality Law

Labor Law

Possible Bar Association Membership Options:

ABA Administrative Law & Reg. Practice Section

ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources

OSBA Administrative Law Committee

OSBA Environmental Law Committee

- **Certificate Program in Real Property Law**

Required Courses:

Property 1 & 2

Real Estate Finance and Mortgage Law

Electives:

Environmental Law and Policy

Estate Planning

Estates, Wills, & Trusts

Oil and Gas Law

Real Estate Residential Conveyances

Possible Bar Association Membership Options:

ABA Real Property, Trust, & Estate Section

OSBA Natural Resources Committee

OSBA Real Property Law Section

- **Certificate Program in Small Firm General Practice**

Required Courses:

Law Office Economics and Management

Three credit hours in the Civil, Criminal, Municipal, or Transaction Clinic

Electives:

Criminal Procedure
Domestic Relations
Estates, Wills, & Trusts
Judicial Decision Making
Juvenile Law
Real Estate: Residential Conveyances
Taxation: Federal Income Tax
Trial Advocacy

Possible Bar Association Membership Options:

OSBA Family Law Committee
ABA Solo, Small Firm & General Practice

• Certificate Program in Taxation**Required Course:**

Taxation: Federal Income Tax

Electives:

Business Planning
Corporate Transactional Clinic
Estate Planning
International Taxation
Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders
Taxation of Partnerships & Partners

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

1208 – ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

3 Credits

The powers and procedure of administrative agencies in this country. Constitutional limitations; the nature of the power vested in administrative bodies; distinction between legislative, judicial, and executive powers; procedural and evidentiary problems; conclusiveness of administrative determinations; the requirement of due process; and the extent of judicial control over administrative action. The allocation and control of agency power and, ultimately, how procedural fairness is accommodated to the efficient accomplishment of legislative purpose.

1632 – ADVANCED EXTERNSHIP (SKILLS)

3 Credits

This course is designed for students who have already completed one semester or a summer session of an externship course and are continuing in the same field placement for an additional semester or will be working in a new field placement.

1210 – ADVANCED LEGAL ANALYSIS, EVIDENCE

1 Credit

This course is a companion class to Evidence and is primarily focused on reinforcing learned evidentiary rules and principles through the utilization of practice essays, hypotheticals, and in-class exercises. The goal of the course is to improve your overall essay organization, structure, and composition in addition to further developing legal analytical and critical thinking skills. Emphasis will be on incorporating in-class assessments and individualized feedback to you for the purpose of preparing you for law final essays and the bar examination.

1212 – ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH (SKILLS)

2 Credits

Advanced training in the legal research skills for the practice of law. State and federal case law, statutory and administrative law, legislative history research, and research in specific areas of the law such as tax and international law. The integration of electronic and print research materials and advanced training on Lexis & Westlaw.

1216 – ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (SKILLS)

2 Credits

Mediation theory and practice, listening skills, problem determination, summarization, issue and interest identification, generation and evaluation of alternatives, and the drafting of written agreements.

1224 – BANKRUPTCY & CREDITORS' RIGHTS

3 Credits

The traditional creditors' remedies employed to enforce money judgments. The relative rights of debtors and creditors under the Federal Bankruptcy Code.

1613 – BANKRUPTCY EXTERNSHIP (SKILLS)

3 / 6 Credits

Under the supervision of a bankruptcy panel trustee or bankruptcy practitioner, researching, drafting pleadings, and making court appearances in federal bankruptcy court. Prerequisite: Obtaining Legal Intern Certificate from the Supreme Court of Ohio. Prerequisite or co-requisite: LAW 1224 - Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights.

1232 – BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS 1

3 Credits

The nature, formation, and characteristics of closely held enterprises, including partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations. The duties and liabilities of the participants in the entities and general agency concepts.

1236 – BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS 2

3 Credits

Publicly held corporations and their management and ownership with particular focus on derivation litigation, shareholder voting and proxy rules, and the liability provisions of the Exchange Act.

1505 – CAPITAL PUNISHMENT SEMINAR

2 Credits

The specific legal issues inherent in capital punishment within the general area of criminal law and procedure. Both substantive and procedural law of capital punishment as well as the roles of lawyers, judges, and juries within this legal system. Law and legal analysis in death penalty statutes and cases; empirical analyses of the practice and philosophical examinations as to its wisdom.

1510 – CHURCH AND STATE SEMINAR

2 Credits

Constitutional problems raised by relations between church and state.

1015 – CIVIL PROCEDURE

6 Credits

The operation of the courts. The organization of state and federal courts and the relation between them; the methods by which these courts attempt to resolve civil disputes in accordance with controlling law and the extent to which a judicial decision is conclusive of subsequent disputes. Jurisdiction of courts over persons, property, and subject matter; the scope of litigation as to claims, defenses, and parties; preparation for trial through pleading, discovery, and pretrial; trials and the related functions of judge and jury; appeals and the role of the appellate courts; the means of controlling frivolous litigation; and the finality of judgments and decrees; consideration of the process by which judicial decision makers are selected; questions of professional responsibility and attorney decorum in civil litigation; and brief mention of alternative dispute resolution systems. Preparation of pleadings used in civil litigation. (summer only)

1011 – CIVIL PROCEDURE 1

3 Credits

The operation of the courts. The organization of state and federal courts and the relation between them; the methods by which these courts attempt to resolve civil disputes in accordance with controlling law and the extent to which a judicial decision is conclusive of subsequent disputes. Jurisdiction of courts over persons, property, and subject matter; the scope of litigation as to claims, defenses, and parties; preparation for trial through pleading, discovery, and pretrial; trials and the related functions of judge and jury; appeals and the role of the appellate courts; the means of controlling frivolous litigation; and the finality of judgments and decrees; consideration of the process by which judicial decision makers are selected; questions of professional responsibility and attorney decorum in civil litigation; and

brief mention of alternative dispute resolution systems. Preparation of pleadings used in civil litigation.

1012 - CIVIL PROCEDURE 2

3 Credits

Continuation of LAW 1011 - Civil Procedure 1.

1252 - CIVIL RIGHTS

3 Credits

Historical federal civil rights statutes, i.e., 42 U.S.C. Sections 1981, 1982, 1983, and 1985(3); Eleventh Amendment and other judicial immunities; procedural aspects of civil rights litigation; illustrative modern civil rights statutes, i.e., Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; attorney's fees under the statutes and 42 U. S. C. Section 1988.

1253 - CLIMATE CHANGE: SCIENCE AND LAW

2 Credits

Exploration of three main aspects of global climate change: the science of climate change, international responses, and domestic legal developments.

1254 - COMMERCIAL CODE: SECURED TRANSACTIONS

2 Credits

This course examines Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and related provisions of federal law that relate to asset based financing. Students may not register for this course if they have received credit for LAW 1260 - Commercial Law: Sales and Secured Transactions or LAW 1264 - Commercial Transactions.

1256 - COMMERCIAL LAW: PAYMENTS

3 Credits

The law governing modern payment systems including negotiable instruments, check collections, electronic funds transfers, and letters of credit. Article 3, 4, 4A, & 5 of the Uniform Commercial Code and related provisions of federal law. Students may not register for LAW 1256 if they have received credit for LAW 1264 - Commercial Transactions.

1260 - COMMERCIAL LAW: SALES & SECURED TRANSACTIONS

3 Credits

Articles 2, 2A, and 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. The legal issues arising in the sale and leasing of goods, the financing of personal property, and both consumer and commercial transactions. Students may not register for LAW 1260 - Commercial Law: Sales and Secured Transactions if they have received credit for LAW 1264 - Commercial Transactions.

1264 – COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

4 Credits

The law of negotiable instruments and secured transactions as governed by Articles 3, 4, and 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. The negotiability of commercial paper, the Holder in Due Course Doctrine, the creation and perfection of security interests in personal property, the priority of security interests and other liens, inventory and accounts receivable financing. Letters of credit, electronic funds transfer, and the relationship between Article 9 and the Federal Bankruptcy Code. Students may not register for this course if they have received credit for either LAW 1256 - Commercial Law: Payments or LAW 1260 - Commercial Law: Sales & Secured Transactions.

1710 – COMPARATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

3 Credits

The role of administrative law in different states with an emphasis on how nations address common issues of the administrative state. Different approaches to the role of government agencies in both individual decision making, such as licensing and adjudication, and rulemaking or adoption of normative acts will be discussed. Topics will include the role of judicial review and legislative oversight of the bureaucracy, accountability of individual government officials, and rights of individuals within the bureaucracy.

1715 – COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

3 Credits

Analysis of critical common elements of constitutional regimes and their variations. Constitutions of the United States and European Union states will be reviewed along with newly drafted constitutions of central and eastern Europe and Asia. Issues addressed will include basic structures of government, separation of functions, and guarantees of individual rights.

1276 – CONFLICT OF LAWS

3 Credits

The legal problems that arise when an occurrence or transaction cuts across state or national boundaries, including choice of law, jurisdiction, constitutional limitations, and recognition of foreign judgments.

1280 – CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 1

3 Credits

The basic principles of judicial review and federalism under the U.S. constitutional system, the role of the Supreme Court in constitutional cases, the powers of the federal government, and the allocation of powers between state and federal governments.

1284 – CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 2

3 Credits

The constitutional limitations on governmental powers arising under the guarantees of individual rights in the Bill of Rights (with the exception of those Amendments which are directed primarily at rights of alleged criminals which are covered in Criminal Procedure), Rights of Free Speech and association under the First Amendment, and procedural and substantive Due Process (privacy, right to die, abortion, gay rights) and Equal Protection (class-based discrimination, such as race and gender).

1021 – CONTRACTS 1

3 Credits

The nature and history of contract law, the concept of “freedom of contract”, the intention to be legally bound, reaching an agreement, interpreting assent, written manifestations of assent, the doctrine of consideration, the doctrine of promissory estoppel, performance and breach, conditions, defenses to contractual obligation, remedies, and the relation between basic contracts concepts and Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

1022 – CONTRACTS 2

3 Credits

Continuation of LAW 1021 - Contracts 1.

1612 – CORPORATE TRANSACTIONAL CLINIC (SKILLS)

3 / 6 Credits

The representation of non-profit organizations and local churches in corporate matters including incorporating, obtaining tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service, and real property issues. Prerequisite: Obtaining Legal Intern Certificate from the Supreme Court of Ohio. Prerequisite or co-requisite: LAW 1236 - Business Organizations 1.

1052 – CRIMINAL LAW

3 Credits

The theories of crime and punishment; the manner in which crimes are defined and graded; the principles of criminal culpability, including the mental element of crime and the requirement of an act; the exculpatory devices, including defenses, excuses and justifications; and the parties to crime, including aiders, abettors, and conspirators.

1300 – CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

3 Credits

Constitutional issues involved in legal controls over police investigative procedures: unwarranted arrest and detention, unreasonable searches and seizures, self-incrimination, the right of the accused to a fair trial, the right to counsel, police interrogation, and the nature of due process.

1304 – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

3 Credits

The laws governing marriage, separation, and divorce; marital contracts; custody of children; support and property division on divorce; and adoption.

1308 – EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION LAW

3 Credits

The various sources of law, mostly federal, that prohibit discrimination in employment. Major emphasis on Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, and national origin. The Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

1614 – ENVIRONMENTAL EXTERNSHIP (SKILLS)

3 / 6 Credits

Under the supervision of licensed attorneys, placement with a non-profit environmental group in Ohio; engaging in research, drafting of pleadings, and other activities pertaining to environmental law. Prerequisite: Obtaining Legal Intern Certificate from the Supreme Court of Ohio. Prerequisite or co-requisite: either LAW 1312 - Environmental Law or LAW 1525 - Environmental Law Seminar.

1312 – ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

3 Credits

Major federal laws relating to air and water pollution and hazardous waste management, command and control, market trading, and other forms of legal regulation in the environmental area.

1525 – ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SEMINAR

2 Credits

In-depth treatment of specified topics in environmental law. Natural resource protection, hazardous waste management, wildlife protection, and environmental litigation.

1316 – ESTATE PLANNING (SKILLS)

3 Credits

An examination, from a family estate planning perspective, of legal principles critical to the development of an effective dispositive plan. The principles of state law relating to (a) wills, trusts, and other dispositive instruments; and (b) the creation and transfer of various property interests and the principles of federal tax law (under income tax, gift tax, estate tax, and GST tax statutes) pertinent to the development of a variety of estate plans. Requirement to draft dispositive instruments designed to resolve both common and unusual planning problems. Prerequisites: LAW 1320 - Estates, Wills & Trusts, LAW 1440 - Taxation: Federal Income Tax, and LAW 1452 - Taxation of Transfers: Estates & Gifts.

1320 - ESTATES, WILLS & TRUSTS

3 Credits

The law of intestate and testate succession; formal requirements of wills; testamentary capacity, undue influence, fraud and mistake; holographic and nuncupative wills; integration and incorporation by reference; revocation, republication, revival, and amendment. The nature, creation, and elements of a trust; rights, liabilities, and duties of settlor, trustee, and beneficiary; creditors' rights against trust property; modification and termination of a trust; charitable trusts; resulting and constructive trusts; and general fiduciary responsibilities and administrative problems.

1324 - EVIDENCE

3 Credits

The basic rules of the exclusionary system of evidence that govern the proof of disputed propositions of fact in criminal and civil trials. The role of the judge and jury; relevance rules; hearsay rules and exceptions; the competency, examination, and privileges of witnesses; expert witnesses; impeachment of witnesses; the right to confrontation in criminal cases; and the Federal Rules of Evidence.

1328 - FEDERAL COURTS

3 Credits

The principles of federalism and comity in the division of power between state and federal courts. Particular focus is paid to the kinds of jurisdiction granted to federal courts by Article III of the Constitution, Congress's control of that jurisdiction, justiciability, Eleventh Amendment sovereign immunity, abstention, the applicability of state and federal law to civil actions in federal court, Supreme Court review of state court judgments, and an overview of Section 1983 litigation.

1615 - GOVERNMENTAL EXTERNSHIP (SKILLS)

3 / 6 Credits

Under the supervision of attorneys from different governmental agencies, researching, drafting memos, and engaging in other activities handled by the agency in question. Prerequisite: Obtaining Legal Intern Certificate from the Supreme Court of Ohio. Prerequisite or co-requisite: LAW 1407 - Pretrial Litigation.

1800 - ICELANDIC INTERNATIONAL LAW THESIS

3 Credits

A three-credit independent study for those students participating in the Iceland Exchange Program. The topic will be determined by the student and supervising professor. An Independent Study form must be completed by the student prior to registration.

1332 - IMMIGRATION & NATIONALITY LAW

2 Credits

A practice-oriented and problem-solving approach to U.S. immigration and citizenship law and its administrative processing and enforcement structure, by examining its historical development, classifications, and procedures, including temporary visa, permanent residency, refugees, asylum, and citizenship; issues of deportation and exclusion of aliens, and related enforcement procedures; as well as immigration-related requirements for U.S. employers.

1337 - INDEPENDENT STUDY - FACULTY DIRECTED RESEARCH IN LAW

2 Credits

Faculty-directed research in a particular "Law" subject with the final being a drafting of a paper on the subject.

1338 - INDEPENDENT STUDY - FACULTY DIRECTED TUTORIALS IN LAW

2 Credits

Faculty-directed tutorials where the student meets regularly in a one-on-one situation with readings, assignments, etc., on a particular "Law" subject.

1348 - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW

3 Credits

Trademark, copyright, trade secret, and unfair competition laws.

1535 - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SEMINAR

2 Credits

In-depth study of discrete problems in trademark, copyright, trade secret, and unfair competition law.

1350 - INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW: NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

3 Credits

Overview of legal environment for non-governmental organizations and the role of NGOs in society. This course will compare international and municipal laws relating to the existence and operation of NGOs in both developed and developing countries. Topics covered will include the legal foundation for NGOs, structure and governance, economic activities and taxation, and reporting requirements. In addition, the course will look at some of the emerging trends occurring in civil society which include NGO and government relations, advocacy, ethics and accountability, social partnership, and the prevention of foreign NGOs.

1357 - INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

2 Credits

Study of prosecution of crimes with an international character in national criminal justice systems and the prosecution of international crimes in an international criminal justice setting. Focus on multinational criminal conduct in such areas as

cyber-crime and financial misconduct as well as the International Criminal Court and international crimes such as genocide and crimes against humanity. Will include comparative analysis of procedural questions relating to jurisdiction.

1360 - INTERNATIONAL LAW

3 Credits

Public international law, its nature, sources, and subjects. A comparative study of state, international organization, and non-state actors. Their respective processes for national, inter-state, regional, and global dispute settlement; diplomacy; justice; development; and conflict transformation. State sovereignty, avenues for societal and individual claims for protection redress, and normative change. The international role of epistemic communities in safeguarding the environment and common practices.

1364 - INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

3 Credits

The concept of human rights; the normative foundation of international human rights, national security and limitations on human rights, universalism and cultural relativism in human rights. Also, focuses on international human rights organizations, mainly the United Nations system of protection of human rights, and different regional systems of human rights protection such as the European, African, and Inter-American systems.

1365 - INTERNATIONAL TAX

3 Credits

This course covers the provisions of the United States federal tax law applicable to transactions of foreign taxpayers conducted in the United States and transactions of United States taxpayers overseas. Topics that may be addressed include residence, income sourcing, the foreign tax credit, controlled foreign corporations, the effect of tax treaties, foreign currency transactions, and transfer pricing. Prerequisite: LAW 1440 - Taxation: Federal Income Tax, LAW 1444 - Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders, and LAW 1448 - Taxation of Partnerships & Partners.

1670 - JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP 1 (SKILLS)

2 Credits

Placement with a state or federal judge performing research, writing, and other court-related duties that the judge assigns.

1671 - JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP 2 (SKILLS)

2 Credits

Placement with a state or federal judge performing research, writing, and other court-related duties that the judge assigns. Students may not be placed with the same judge who supervised their work in Judicial Externship 1. Requires the submission of a paper or a substantial draft opinion.

1555 – JUDICIAL REVIEW – LIMITED GOVERNMENT SEMINAR

2 Credits

The development and refinement of the concept of limited government and the uniquely American institution of judicial review as the mechanism for imposing constitutional constraint on government power.

1560 – JURISPRUDENCE SEMINAR

2 Credits

Theory and philosophy as they apply to the functions of the legal system. Natural law, positivism, realism, morality and law, obligation, civil disobedience, and the role of the courts as an agent of change.

1372 – JUVENILE LAW

2 Credits

The legal regulation of child-parent and child-state relations including such topics as First Amendment rights, intro-familial tort immunity, medical treatment of children, compulsory education, the age of majority, and legal representation of children. Juvenile court proceedings involving child abuse and neglect, “unruliness,” and delinquency.

1376 – LABOR LAW

2 Credits

The historical development of employees’ rights in the private sector, the enactment of and provisions of the National Labor Relations Act (Wagner Act), the Taft Hartley Act, and the Landrum-Griffin Act. The different and changing political consensus of the Congress concerning the respective roles of unions and management. The collective bargaining agreement and the rights of individual members of unions.

1618 – LABOR LAW EXTERNSHIP (SKILLS)

3 / 6 Credits

Under the supervision of a licensed attorney, placement with a union or law firm engaged in labor and employment law that involves drafting of memoranda, briefs, participation in arbitration proceedings, and other activities related to the field. Prerequisite or co-requisite: Law 1376 - Labor Law; some placements may also require a Legal Intern Certificate from the Supreme Court of Ohio.

1580 – LAW & LITERATURE SEMINAR

2 Credits

In-depth examination of classic works of literature and judicial opinions in an effort to enhance the students’ writing skills and their capacity for critical legal analysis. The way in which lawyers’ use of language constrains and informs the process of advocacy and adjudication.

1380 - LAW OFFICE ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT (SKILLS)

2 Credits

Various considerations, techniques, and approaches that are necessary for a successful management of the legal practice. A case study and problem-based approach is utilized to generate class discussion and involvement. Forms of organization for the practice of law, overall management techniques and concerns, personnel management; ethical considerations including professional malpractice and liability insurance; equipment and office layout, libraries, systems; income determination and distribution; clients, public relations, and development of the practice.

1384 - LAW REVIEW

2 Credits

Writing a Law Review comment of publishable quality. This course is for third-year law students.

1398 - LAW REVIEW - STAFF EDITOR

2 Credits

Writing a Law Review comment of publishable quality. This course is for second-year law students who serve as "Staff Editors" on Law Review.

1590 - LEGAL HISTORY SEMINAR (AMERICAN)

2 Credits

American legal history from the seventeenth century to the present, including the significance of law in the structure of American social and economic institutions; the political, social, and economic contexts of legislative and judicial action; jurisprudential ideologies; and the relationship of law to politics.

1005 - LEGAL METHODS

1 Credit

Legal methods is designed to assist students in becoming better law students and better practitioners. The course focuses on the building blocks of legal reasoning and writing including, but not limited to, close reading of cases and statutes, issue identifying material facts, crafting and applying legal rules, synthesizing legal rules, and structuring legal analysis. This course will also provide valuable resources to assist students in writing better essay answers as well as improving performance on multiple-choice examinations.

1001 - LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING 1

3 Credits

The basic tools and methods of legal research as well as development of writing skills necessary in the practice of law. Completion of legal research exercises and preparation of memoranda.

1002 - LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING 2

2 Credits

Continuation of LAW 1001 - Legal Research and Writing 1. Drafting court documents, writing an appellate brief, and participation in oral advocacy.

1004 - LEGAL PROBLEM SOLVING AND ANALYSIS

2 Credits

Allows students to reflect on what they have learned through careful review of the methods of legal analysis and work on complex problems beyond the bounds of any single doctrinal subject, explored through simulation and teamwork. The course will focus on problem solving and will give students an opportunity to interact with practicing lawyers and judges.

1388 - LEGAL PROFESSION

2 Credits

The rules of conduct that regulate a lawyer's relations with clients, the courts, other members of the legal profession, and the community at large.

1611 - LITIGATION EXTERNSHIP (SKILLS)

3 / 6 Credits

The representation of clients in civil litigation matters such as family law, landlord/tenant, and other general civil litigation matters at a local legal aid organization under the supervision of practicing attorneys affiliated with the legal aid organization. Prerequisite: Obtaining Legal Intern Certificate from the Supreme Court of Ohio. Prerequisite or co-requisite: LAW 1407 - Pretrial Litigation.

1396 - MOOT COURT

2 Credits

Representing ONU Law in an inter-scholastic moot court competition. The completion of a written brief of competitive quality, extensive preparation for oral arguments, and a cooperative team spirit.

1397 - MOOT COURT II

1 Credit

Representing ONU Law in a second inter-scholastic moot court competition. The completion of a written brief of competitive quality, extensive preparation for oral arguments, and a cooperative team spirit.

1617 - MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT EXTERNSHIP (SKILLS)

3 / 6 Credits

Students work with municipal government solicitors or city law directors on civil litigation and criminal litigation issues arising within the context of a municipal government. Prerequisite or co-requisite: LAW 1400 - Municipal Corporations.

1593 - NEGOTIATION: DEALING WITH EMOTIONS SEMINAR

2 Credits

Study of the emotional dimension of negotiation. Introduction of a framework for understanding the fundamental emotional interests present in every negotiation, including in the interpersonal, cross-cultural, and transactional contexts. Students will learn prescriptive strategies for dealing with emotions more effectively in their negotiations and will experiment with course techniques through in-class and out-of-class exercises.

1399 - NEGOTIATION WORKSHOP (SKILLS)

3 Credits

An introduction to the theory and practice of negotiation designed to improve students' understanding of negotiation and their effectiveness as negotiators. Readings and lectures will provide a framework for examining negotiations and useful negotiation tools and strategies. Students will spend much of their time in a series of negotiation exercises and simulations and will learn to become aware of and to analyze their own negotiating behavior.

1616 - NON-PROFIT LITIGATION EXTERNSHIP (SKILLS)

3 / 6 Credits

Under the supervision of practicing attorneys or administrators, providing assistance to non-profit agencies on legal issues confronting them. Prerequisite: Obtaining Legal Intern Certificate from the Supreme Court of Ohio. Prerequisite or co-requisite: LAW 1407 - Pretrial Litigation.

1610 - OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY LEGAL CLINIC (SKILLS)

3 / 6 Credits

The representation of clients in civil litigation matters, such as family law, social security disability, and other general civil litigation matters at the ONU Legal Clinic in Lima, Ohio, under the supervision of a licensed staff attorney. Prerequisite: Obtaining Legal Intern Certificate from the Supreme Court of Ohio. Prerequisite or co-requisite: LAW 1407 - Pretrial Litigation.

1402 - OIL AND GAS LAW

3 Credits

The property interests that are commonly created in oil and gas and the land from which they are produced; the nature of a landowner's interest in oil and gas; the creation and duration of mineral leases; the rights and duties between lessor and lessee; the nature and characteristics of a mineral fee; the rights and duties between mineral and surface owners; the different kinds of royalty and mineral interests; the protection of interests in oil and gas properties against trespassers and wrongful claimants, and agreements between oil companies, such as farm outs and operating agreements; state regulation of drilling and production, including spacing rules, pooling, and unitization.

1407 – PRETRIAL LITIGATION (SKILLS)

2 Credits

This course will focus on providing opportunities for students to have criminal and civil law experiences that are reasonably similar to the experience of a lawyer advising or representing a client, and to engage in lawyering tasks. Lawyering skills to be practiced in a simulated setting include interviewing, counseling, negotiation, fact development and analysis, motions practice, document drafting, conflict resolution, organization and management of legal work, collaboration, cross-culture experiences, and self-evaluation.

1723 – PRIVATE LAW ISSUES IN TRANSITIONAL DEMOCRACIES

3 Credits

Treatment of critical issues for developing democracies relating to private law. Topics covered will include the business environment, investment, dispute resolution, property rights, employment and labor law, and other topics depending on specific class interests.

1412 – PRODUCTS LIABILITY

3 Credits

The law of negligence, warranty, and strict liability as it relates to injuries caused by manufactured products.

1031 – PROPERTY 1

3 Credits

Law of finders, rule of capture, gifts, adverse possession, and landlord-tenant. Methods of title assurance, estates, future interests, easements and covenants, and takings issues.

1032 – PROPERTY 2

3 Credits

Methods of title assurance, estates (other than leaseholds), future interests, easements and covenants, and public control of land use.

1630 – PROSECUTION EXTERNSHIP (SKILLS)

3 / 6 Credits

Placement in prosecutor's office, involving the representation of the state in criminal misdemeanors under the supervision of a licensed practicing attorney. Prerequisite or co-requisite: LAW 1407 - Pretrial Litigation.

1631 – PUBLIC DEFENDER EXTERNSHIP (SKILLS)

3 / 6 Credits

Placement in public defender's office involving the representation of criminal defendants under the supervision of a licensed practicing attorney. Prerequisite or co-requisite: LAW 1407 - Pretrial Litigation.

1035 – PUBLIC LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS

3 Credits

An introduction to public law and the modern administrative state. The course will cover the creation of public law both internationally and nationally, the fundamentals of treaty and statutory interpretation, the administrative process including rulemaking, and the range of regulatory tools.

1418 – REAL ESTATE FINANCE AND MORTGAGE LAW

2 Credits

Examines various aspects of the law of mortgages and other forms of security in real property. Addresses issues related to foreclosure, redemption, and other rights and duties of the parties upon default. Explores current issues in predatory lending and secondary market transactions.

1591 – REGULATING VICE SEMINAR

2 Credits

A study of the basics of entry-level practice for new prosecutors and public defenders: sex trafficking, drug, and alcohol offenses. This course will cover the elements of liability, available defenses, sentencing options, and alternative sentencing programs in the local area.

1420 – REMEDIES

3 Credits

Remedial systems of law and equity; modern practices of damages, equitable relief, declaratory judgments, and restitutionary remedies. The impact of statutory remedies; the use of the political and administrative process to affect private relationships.

1428 – SECURITIES REGULATION

3 Credits

The definition of “security,” the disclosure requirements and registration process associated with the public issuance of securities, exemptions from registration, the evolution of the national market system, and the regulation of broker/dealers.

1432 – SPECIAL TOPICS

1 to 5 Credits

1440 – TAXATION: FEDERAL INCOME TAX

3 Credits

The fundamentals of federal income taxation, emphasizing its application to individuals. Gross income (inclusions and exclusions), adjusted gross income, deductions, taxable income, taxable credits, identification of the taxpayer, general tax accounting principles, and basic federal tax procedure. The application of the income tax law to business and investment property, including capital gains and

losses, depreciation, and recapture. A consideration of the nonrecognition and deferral of income and other factors affecting the computation of tax liability.

1444 - TAXATION OF CORPORATIONS AND SHAREHOLDERS

3 Credits

Federal income taxation of corporate activities, with emphasis on consequences to individual shareholders. Prerequisite: LAW 1440 - Taxation: Federal Income Tax.

1448 - TAXATION OF PARTNERSHIPS & PARTNERS

3 Credits

The federal tax law applying to the relationship between the partnership and its partners. The formation, operation, and liquidation of partnerships, as well as the sale of a partnership, interest, and the retirement of a partner. Prerequisite: LAW 1232 - Business Organizations 1 and LAW 1440 - Taxation: Federal Income Tax.

1458 - TERRORISM AND CRIMINAL LAW

2 Credits

Examination of the various approaches of the American legal system to the problem of terrorism in the United States, including statutory, regulatory, and judicial responses, and the role of the military.

1801 - THE RULE OF LAW IN ENGLISH HISTORY I

1 Credit

The purpose of this one-credit-hour J-Term travel course is to familiarize you with the manner in which the concept of the Rule of Law has evolved and expanded over time in the context of English History. While all common law counties firmly believe in the concept, it has manifested itself in different ways at different times and in different circumstances. While visiting the United Kingdom, we will visit places that have been important to this evolving nation including Parliament, the Inns of Court, the Tower of London, and the city of Oxford.

1043 - TORTS

4 Credits

The basis and extent of legal liability for intentional or negligent invasions of protected interest in (1) physical security and autonomy, (2) emotional security and other tangible interest, and (3) economic security and opportunity. Proving breach of duty, cause in fact and proximate cause, and compensatory and punitive damages.

1460 - TRANSITION TO OHIO PRACTICE

3 Credits

Skills-based exercises and practical information for the practice of law in Ohio. Law office procedures, professional responsibility issues, client management techniques, law office economics, and Ohio substantive law.

1461 - TRANSITION TO PRACTICE: MULTI-JURISDICTIONS

3 Credits

Bar preparation for jurisdictions other than Ohio; effective study methods for the bar exam; issue identification, analytical, and writing skills in the context of Evidence, Contracts, and Torts. Methods include multiple choice tests from released multistate bar examinations ("MBE") by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and a released Multistate Performance Test ("MPT").

1464 - TRIAL ADVOCACY (SKILLS)

3 Credits

Development of courtroom skills including trial preparation, presentation of motions, introduction of evidence, direct and cross examination of witnesses, opening statements, closing arguments, and trial strategy. Culmination in full trial with a jury. Prerequisite: LAW 1324 - Evidence.

1465 - TRIAL ADVOCACY: ADVANCED (SKILLS)

3 Credits

Development of courtroom skills, including voir dire, opening statements and closing arguments, pre-trial motions.

OVRC 2171 - UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND EXCHANGE PROGRAM

9 to 12 Credits

Courses taken in the University of Iceland exchange program change annually. Descriptions of the current courses may be found on the University of Iceland website.

1595 - WOMEN & THE LAW SEMINAR

2 Credits

The legal system's attempt to counter discriminatory treatment of women from the standpoint of formal equality and the weaknesses and critiques of that approach. The legal practice and theoretical debates surrounding specific issues (such as sexual harassment, rape, pornography, and abortion) that raise fundamental questions about whether and how law should be involved in preventing discrimination on the basis of sex and, more broadly, gender.

PRO BONO VOLUNTARY PROGRAM

The faculty of ONU Law has approved and recommends that all students, during their second or third year, participate in the Pro Bono Program. Those students who successfully complete 30 hours of pro bono work during the fall, spring, or summer semester will have a notation on their transcript that they did pro bono work while in law school. The faculty advisor listed on the Pro Bono Registration Form will determine placements in which students may do qualifying pro bono work.

To sign up for the Pro Bono Program, a student must see the faculty advisor, get his/her signature on the Pro Bono Registration Form, and submit the form to the Dean's Office. This sign-up process can occur any time during the semester. On the last day of class for the semester, the student must submit time sheets, signed by the supervisor at the placement site, showing a total of at least 30 hours of service. These must be submitted to the Dean's Office. The file will then be reviewed by the faculty advisor. The registrar will then be directed to make a notation on the student's file: to wit, Pro Bono Service.

ICELAND INTERNATIONAL LAW EXCHANGE PROGRAM

ONU Law has an exchange program in the LL.M. program of the University of Iceland. Three students per year from ONU Law may attend a semester at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik. Three students per year from the University of Iceland may attend a semester at ONU Law.

Course of Study: 24 ECTS (9.4 U.S.) credits of International Law courses in the LL.M. Program of the University of Iceland. To maintain full-time status (12 credits) a three-credit ONU Law independent study course- LAW 1800 - Icelandic International Law Thesis- under the supervision of an ONU Law faculty member will also be taken. The LL.M. course offerings vary each year. Descriptions of the current courses may be found on the University of Iceland website.

Eligibility: Any second- or third-year ONU Law student in good standing.

Selection Process: An application and résumé must be submitted to the associate dean by January 30 for the subsequent fall semester; by May 1 for the subsequent spring semester. The students will be selected based on a manifested interest in International Law, evidenced by prior coursework (undergraduate or law), prior international work experience or study, membership in the International Law Society, participation in Jessup Moot Court, or other similar background. Selection will be made by the associate dean in consultation with the applicants' faculty advisors.

Registration: The selected students will register for OVRC 2171 - University of Iceland Exchange Program and for LAW 1800 - Icelandic International Law Thesis. When grades from the University of Iceland are received, the specific courses will be recorded on the students' transcripts. ONU Law students who have taken LAW 1360 - International Law may not receive credit for the comparable University of Iceland course, Basic Course in Public International Law.

Advisor: The associate dean will be the advisor to the ONU Law exchange students.

Grading: The student must receive a C or better (conversion will be determined by the associate deans of each institution) for the coursework undertaken in Iceland to transfer. The credits will transfer, but the grades will not.

Tuition and Fees: ONU Law students will pay tuition to Ohio Northern for the semester. Icelandic students will pay tuition to University of Iceland. Certain administrative fees may be charged by the host institution in accordance with the exchange agreement between the universities.

Housing/Travel: All student travel, accommodation, and subsistence expenses will be paid for by the traveling student.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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PREAMBLE

Law students have a responsibility to the academic community in which they receive their education and to the profession they are seeking to join. The Claude W. Pettit College of Law of Ohio Northern University thereby has enacted the following Student Code of Conduct to which its students must conform.

PART ONE: CODE OF CONDUCT

Article 1.0

Terminology

The following terms used in this Code shall have the indicated meanings:

- (A) The term COLLEGE OF LAW means the Pettit College of Law of Ohio Northern University;
- (B) The word DEAN means the dean (or interim dean) of the College of Law; (References in this Article and in subsequent articles to the dean shall be construed as references to the associate dean or to the assistant dean where the dean has, either on a temporary or permanent basis, delegated his or her duties under this Code to either the associate dean or the assistant dean);
- (C) The word KNOWINGLY means being aware, regardless of one's purpose, that one's conduct will probably cause a certain result or will probably be of a certain nature; a person has KNOWLEDGE of circumstances when he or she is aware that such circumstances probably exist;
- (D) The term LAW STUDENT means a student who has matriculated at the College of Law;
- (E) The word MATERIAL means having a substantial bearing on an academic or administrative matter;

- (F) The word MISAPPROPRIATE means to take, keep, conceal, or use the property (or anything of value) of another, without authorization, for any period of time;
- (G) The word MISSTATEMENT means a false statement or misrepresentation which is made orally, in writing, or by any other means;
- (H) The word PLAGIARIZE means the taking of the literary property of another, passing it off as one's own without appropriate attribution, and reaping from its use any benefit from an academic institution;
- (I) The word UNIVERSITY means Ohio Northern University, or any of the constituent schools and colleges of Ohio Northern University, including the College of Law;
- (J) The term UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL means an employee of the University, including a member of the faculty, who is authorized to obtain information from a law student regarding academic or administrative matters or regarding the law student's educational or employment history or other aspects of the student's background; the term also means any organizational subdivision of the University with employees who are University officials, as defined in the preceding sentence.
- (K) The term SEX DISCRIMINATION means making decisions regarding the administration of student organizations on the basis of gender or sexual orientation.
- (L) The term SEXUAL HARASSMENT means unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, including unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.
- (M) The term SEXUAL ASSAULT means any type of nonconsensual sexual activity, including inappropriate touching; vaginal, anal, or oral penetration; rape; or attempted rape.
- (N) The term GENDER-BASED HARASSMENT means acts of verbal, nonverbal or physical aggression, intimidation or hostility based on sex, sexual orientation, or sex-stereotyping, even if those acts do not involve conduct of a sexual nature.

Article 1.1

Student-School Relationship

- (A) A law student shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in all educational matters.
- (B) A law student shall comply with all course requirements, including attendance, preparation, discussion and submission of written assignments, and other matters identified in the course syllabus or by the instructor of the class in writing or orally.

Article 1.2

Responsibilities to the College of Law

- (A) A law student shall obey or comply with the rules and regulations established by the College of Law.

- (B) A law student participating in an outside program sponsored by the College of Law shall act in accordance with the standards set by the College of Law, the relevant codes of professional responsibility and applicable laws, ordinances and rules. The law student shall allocate sufficient time to satisfy the responsibilities of participants in the program.
- (C) A law student shall act at all times in a manner consistent with the highest ideals of the legal profession.

Article 1.3 Candor and Honesty

- (A) A law student shall not plagiarize.
- (B) A law student shall not knowingly:
 - (1) make a misstatement of material fact or law in a class discussion, oral argument, written research assignment or in any other academic matter;
 - (2) in any academic exercise or examination
 - (a) take any unauthorized materials into the examination room or remove any exam materials from the examination room, except as permitted by the instructor;
 - (b) attempt to observe the paper of another student;
 - (c) copy the work of another student;
 - (d) violate specific instructions on class assignments or examinations; or
 - (e) review any unauthorized materials while the student is completing the exercise or taking the examination.
 - (3) misrepresent his or her status as an agent of the University, or the scope of his or her authority as an agent of the University;
 - (4) without authorization, submit work in a course for which credit has been received in a prior course;
 - (5) collaborate improperly, i.e., take part in any discussion, joint research, or joint effort of any kind expressly prohibited by the instructor;
 - (6) misrepresent the authenticity of sources, citations or principles in any written work;
 - (7) acquire unauthorized knowledge of an examination or any part thereof, or solicit, offer or give unauthorized information about any part of an examination;
 - (8) discuss, in the law school building, an examination while the examination is in progress; or
 - (9) without authorization, leave the examination room or law school building while taking an examination.

Article 1.4

Misstatements to University Officials

- (A) A law student shall not knowingly make, or cause to be made, an intentional misstatement of material fact to a University official. A law student shall be under a continuing obligation to correct any such misstatement (including those made during the application period).

- (B) A law student who has made, or caused to be made, an unintentional misstatement of material fact to a University official (including any such misstatement made during the application period) shall, upon obtaining knowledge of the error, promptly correct the misstatement.
- (C) The duty of a law student to correct unintentional misstatements, as set forth in section (B), shall extend to misstatements of material fact which are made to a University official by someone other than the student, regardless of whether the student caused the misstatement to be made, if (1) the material fact is one which relates to the student, and (2) the student obtains knowledge that the misstatement was made.
- (D) The proscriptions and duties contained in this Article shall apply only to the misstatement of a fact which, in addition to being material, is relevant to matters that are within the scope of authority of the University official to whom the misstatement is made.
- (E) The provisions of this Article shall apply to an applicant for admission to the College of Law (and, for this purpose, the term “law student” in Article 1.4, in Article 2.O, and in section (D) of Article 2.1, shall be construed to include an applicant for admission). Each applicant for admission shall receive notice (e.g., by means of a statement printed on the application form) that a misstatement of a material fact made during the admissions process could lead to disciplinary action or dismissal. (Nothing in this Code shall preclude the Admissions Committee from exercising its discretion and taking any appropriate action during the application period to deal with an applicant’s violation of the requirements of this Article).
- (F) The term “application period” means the period of time which begins on the day the student applies for admission to the College of Law and ends on the day the student attends his or her first class at the College of Law.

Article 1.5

Demeanor

A law student shall not knowingly

- (A) interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational or administrative functions of the University; or
- (B) engage in sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or gender-based harassment against a student or employee of the University, or against any other person on the University premises or at a University approved, sponsored, or supervised function; or
- (C) threaten to or actually cause physical harm to an employee of the University, to another student, or to any other person on the University premises or at a University approved, sponsored or supervised function.

Article 1.6

Offenses Affecting Property, Etc.

A law student shall not knowingly

- (A) misappropriate or damage the property (or anything of value) of the University or of any of the University's students or employees;
- (B) misappropriate or damage the property (or anything of value) of another on the University premises or at a University approved, sponsored or supervised function;
- (C) alter or conceal any library or resource material;
- (D) obtain unauthorized access to any computer, computer system, computer networking facility, telephone system, computer file, data base or other data maintained or provided by or through the University or any of the University's students or employees;
- (E) alter or damage, any computer, computer system, computer networking facility, telephone system, computer file, data base or other data maintained or provided by or through the University or any of the University's students or employees;
- (F) utilize University computer hardware or software (or any other University equipment) to engage in any conduct that is unlawful or that violates any section of this Code; or
- (G) engage in unlawful or unauthorized copying of computer software belonging to the University or any of the University's students or employees.

Article 1.7

Other Misconduct

- (A) A law student shall report within fifteen days any arrest or conviction of crime to the Dean, and provide copies of pertinent court documents (complaint, judgment entries, etc.) to the Dean. Crime, for purposes of this article, shall not include offenses for which no jail sentence may be imposed.
- (B) A law student shall cooperate with any investigation under this Code.
- (C) A law student shall not knowingly engage in conduct which is of such an egregious nature that it clearly manifests the student's lack of fitness to be a member of the legal profession.

Article 1.8

Encouraging Prohibited Conduct

A law student shall not knowingly aid or encourage another to engage in conduct prohibited by this Code.

PART TWO: ADJUDICATION PROCEDURES

Article 2.0

Matters Subject to Adjudication

For the purposes of Part Two of this Code, relating to the adjudication process, a law student shall have violated this Code only if the student engages in conduct which is proscribed by, or fails to meet an obligation which is imposed by the following provisions of Part One: Article 1.3 (Candor and Honesty); Article 1.4 (Misstatements to University Officials); Article 1.5 (Demeanor); Article 1.6 (Offenses Affecting Property, Etc.); Article 1.7 (Other Misconduct); or Article 1.8 (Encouraging

Prohibited Conduct). A violation of this Code shall be adjudicated only in the manner set forth in Part Two of this Code.

Article 2.1 Complaint

- (A) Each adjudication under this Code shall begin with the filing of a complaint. A complaint may be filed only when there is a good faith belief that there has been a violation of this Code within the contemplation of Article 2.0.
- (B) The complaint shall be filed only by a university official, faculty member, staff or student. (The individual filing the complaint is referred to herein as the complainant.)
- (C) The complaint shall be filed as promptly following the date of the alleged violation as is reasonable under the circumstances.
- (D) The complainant shall include in the complaint (1) the facts alleged to constitute a violation of the Code, (2) the provision(s) of the Code believed to have been violated and (3) the name of the law student alleged to have committed the violation. (The law student so named is referred to herein as the “respondent”). The complainant may submit attachments and exhibits with the complaint. All attachments and exhibits submitted with the complaint are deemed, for the purposes of this Code, to be a part of the complaint.
- (E) The complaint, dated and signed by the complainant, shall be filed with the Adjudication Counsel.
- (F) Prior to the making of a probable cause determination, the Adjudication Counsel shall keep confidential the identity of the complainant and the contents of the complaint, except to the extent that disclosure of this information is required under Article 2.4.

Article 2.2

Adjudication Counsel

- (A) The Adjudication Counsel shall serve in the role of a prosecutor. The Adjudication Counsel shall conduct any necessary investigation. Subject to the provisions of Article 2.6, the Adjudication Counsel shall appear before the Adjudication Committee to present evidence and to take other appropriate steps to establish that the respondent is guilty of the violation(s) set out in the Determination Document.
- (B) The Adjudication Counsel shall be a member of the tenured faculty.
 - (1) The dean shall appoint the Adjudication Counsel from among those members of the faculty who are not members of the Adjudication Committee. The appointment shall be made at the first regularly scheduled faculty meeting of the academic year and shall extend for a one-year period ending on the date of the first regularly scheduled faculty meeting of the next academic year.
 - (2) In the event of a temporary or permanent vacancy in the position of Adjudication Counsel, the dean shall appoint a faculty member to serve as Adjudication Counsel for (a) the duration of the vacancy, if the vacancy is temporary, or (b) the balance of the unexpired term, if the vacancy is permanent. For the purposes of this provision, the term “temporary

vacancy” shall encompass situations where the Adjudication Counsel is unable to serve because of illness, absence, prior professional or academic commitments or potential conflict of interest. (No conflict of interest shall be created by the mere fact that the Adjudication Counsel is also the complainant).

Article 2.3
[Reserved]

Article 2.4
Probable Cause Determination

- (A) Procedures: Upon receipt of a complaint, the Adjudication Counsel shall promptly make a determination as to whether there is probable cause to believe that the respondent has violated the provisions of the Code within the contemplation of Article 2.0. This determination shall be made pursuant to the following procedure:
- (1) within 5 days of the receipt of the complaint by the Adjudication Counsel, the Adjudication Counsel shall make an initial determination as to whether the complaint, on its face, is groundless or frivolous. If it is, the complaint shall be promptly dismissed. In cases where the complaint concerns allegations of a violation of Article 1.5 (B) or otherwise implicates the University’s obligations under Title IX, notice shall be provided to the University Title IX Compliance Officer of the identities of complainant and respondent, the substance of the allegations and the reasons for dismissal. If the complaint is not dismissed, the Adjudication Counsel shall immediately notify the respondent of the nature of the complaint against him or her and shall give the respondent a copy of the complaint with the name of the complainant obliterated;
 - (2) within 10 days of the receipt of the complaint by the Adjudication Counsel, the respondent shall advise the Adjudication Counsel if he or she is entering a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or the like. If the respondent enters such a plea, the Adjudication Counsel shall immediately forward the matter to the Adjudication Committee for a determination of the sanction pursuant to Article 2.8, and the balance of this Article shall not apply;
 - (3) within 10 days of the receipt of the complaint by the Adjudication Counsel, the respondent (if no plea is entered pursuant to the preceding paragraph) shall be afforded the opportunity to meet with the Adjudication Counsel to discuss the facts and circumstances pertinent to the complaint;
 - (4) the Adjudication Counsel may discuss the pertinent facts and circumstances with the complainant and with any other person having relevant information. The respondent shall have no right to be present during these discussions or to know the identity of the individuals involved;

- (5) within 15 days of the receipt of the complaint by the Adjudication Counsel, the Adjudication Counsel, after considering the relevant evidence and the provision of this Code, shall (a) determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the respondent has violated the provisions of this Code, (b) prepare either the Determination Document described in Section (B) of this Article, or the Dismissal Document described in Section (C) of this Article and (c) deliver the document in accordance with the requirements of Section (D) of this Article;
 - (6) for good cause, the Adjudication Counsel may extend the deadlines referred to in this Article.
- (B) **Determination Document:** If the Adjudication Counsel determines that there is probable cause to believe that the respondent has violated this Code, the Adjudication Counsel shall prepare a signed and dated Determination Document, stating his or her conclusion in a concise manner.
- (1) The document shall contain (a) the name of the respondent, the name of the complainant and (b) the specific provisions of this Code which the Adjudication Counsel has probable cause to believe the respondent has violated. (The Adjudication Counsel shall not be bound by the facts alleged or the Code sections cited in the complaint.)
 - (2) The document shall contain enough additional information to alert the Adjudication Committee and the respondent to the basic nature of the charges and the document shall include the names of persons on whose statements the Adjudication Counsel relied in making his or her determination. The document shall contain no argument to support the correctness of the Adjudication Counsel's determination.
- (C) **Dismissal Document:** If the Adjudication Counsel determines that there is no probable cause to believe that the respondent has violated this Code, the Adjudication Counsel shall prepare a signed and dated document, setting forth his or her conclusions.
- (D) **Delivery:**
- (1) The Determination Document shall be delivered as follows:
 - (a) the original, signed copy of the Determination Document shall be delivered to the chair of the Adjudication Committee;
 - (b) one copy of the Determination Document shall be delivered to the respondent; the Adjudication Counsel shall advise the chair of the Adjudication Committee of the date of this delivery (or, in the event that the respondent should refuse delivery, of the date on which the document was tendered to the respondent);
 - (2) The Dismissal Document shall be delivered as follows:
 - (a) the original, signed copy of the Dismissal Document shall be delivered to the respondent;
 - (b) one copy of the Dismissal Document shall be delivered to the complainant.
 - (c) in cases where the complaint concerns allegations of a violation of Article 1.5 (B) or otherwise implicates the University's obligations under

Title IX, one copy of the Dismissal Document shall be delivered to the University Title IX Compliance Officer.

(E) Action By Adjudication Counsel Upon Dismissal:

In the event that the charges against the respondent are dismissed by the Adjudication Counsel, the Adjudication Counsel

- (1) shall promptly take all necessary action to delete from the respondent's official records any and all references to the charges and proceedings under this Code; and
- (2) may suggest to the respondent, where appropriate, improvements in the conduct of his or her affairs that will aid the respondent in avoiding either an actual or apparent violation of the Code in the future and will assist the respondent in the development of professional standards of behavior.

Article 2.5

Adjudication Committee

- (A) As set out in Article 2.6 through Article 2.8, the Adjudication Committee shall have the responsibility of determining whether the respondent has violated the provisions of this Code and, if so, whether (and to what extent) sanctions should be imposed.
- (B) The Adjudication Committee shall be comprised of five members: three faculty members and two law student members.
 - (1) The three faculty members shall be appointed by the dean at the first regularly scheduled faculty meeting of the academic year. The appointments shall extend for a one-year period, ending on the date of the first regularly scheduled faculty meeting of the next academic year. The dean shall designate which of the three appointed faculty members shall serve as chair.
 - (2) The two law student members shall be designated by the Student Bar Association for a one-year term, pursuant to procedures established by the Student Bar Association.
- (C) In the event of a temporary or permanent vacancy on the Adjudication Committee, the vacancy shall be filled in the following manner:
 - (1) if there is a vacancy in a faculty position, the dean shall promptly appoint a member of the faculty to serve on the committee;
 - (2) if there is a vacancy in a law student position, the Student Bar Association shall promptly appoint a law student to serve on the committee.
 - (3) the individual named to fill the vacancy shall serve on the committee for (a) the duration of the vacancy, if the vacancy is temporary or (b) the balance of the unexpired term, if the vacancy is permanent. For the purposes of this section, the term "temporary vacancy" shall encompass situations where the committee member is unable to serve because of illness, absence, prior professional or academic commitments, or potential conflict of interest.

Article 2.6

Hearing

- (A) The Adjudication Committee shall conduct a hearing to determine whether the respondent is guilty of the violation(s) set out in the Determination Document. The hearing shall begin on a date which is no more than ten days following the date on which the respondent received a copy of the Determination Document (or, if the respondent refused to accept delivery, following the date on which the respondent was tendered a copy of the Determination Document). The chair of the Adjudication Committee shall set the date and time of the hearing, and he or she shall notify the respondent and the Adjudication Counsel. The chair may grant an extension of time for good cause.
- (B) No later than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing, the respondent shall (1) file with the chair of the Adjudication Committee all motions, briefs and similar documents intended for the consideration of the Adjudication Committee, and (2) deliver copies of all of these documents to the Adjudication Counsel. Similarly, no later than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Adjudication Counsel shall (1) file with the chair of the Adjudication Committee all motions, briefs and similar documents intended for the consideration of the Adjudication Committee and (2) deliver copies of all of these documents to the respondent.
- (C) No later than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing, the respondent shall (1) file with the chair of the Adjudication Committee a listing of all exhibits intended to be introduced at the hearing for the consideration of the Adjudication Committee; (2) deliver a copy of this listing to the Adjudication Counsel; and (3) make all exhibits appearing on the listing available for review by the Adjudication Counsel. Similarly, no later than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Adjudication Counsel shall (1) file with the chair of the Adjudication Committee, a listing of all exhibits intended to be introduced at the hearing for the consideration of the Adjudication Committee; (2) deliver a copy of this listing to the respondent; and (3) make all exhibits appearing on the listing available for review by the respondent.
- (D) Unless the requirements of sections (B) and (C) have been complied with in all respects, the Adjudication Committee shall not take into consideration, for any purpose, non-complying exhibits, motions, briefs or other documents. For good cause, the chair may waive or modify the 48-hour deadline set forth in sections (B) and (C).
- (E) If, prior to or during the hearing, the Adjudication Counsel should conclude that he or she is unable to establish that the respondent is guilty of a particular violation set out in the Determination Document, the Adjudication Counsel may prepare a signed writing in which he or she states his or her conclusion that the respondent is not guilty of that violation. This writing shall be delivered by the Adjudication Counsel to the chair of the Adjudication Committee and to the respondent, and the writing shall have the same effect as a verdict of not guilty as to the specified violation. No further action shall

be taken by the Adjudication Committee regarding that particular violation. If the Adjudication Counsel's writing states that the Adjudication Counsel has concluded that the respondent is not guilty of all violations referred to in the Determination Document, he or she shall treat the matter as a dismissal to which Section (E) of Article 2.4 applies.

- (F) Except as provided in Section (E), the Adjudication Counsel shall call witnesses, present evidence, make arguments, and take all reasonable steps at the hearing to prove that the respondent is guilty of the violation(s) set out in the Determination Document. Under no circumstances shall the Adjudication Counsel (1) present evidence or make arguments that raise issues or tend to prove violations which are beyond the scope of the determination made in the Determination Document or (2) make arguments or recommendations concerning the imposition of a sanction.
- (G) At the hearing, the respondent may be represented, may call witnesses on his or her behalf and may cross examine those witnesses who testify against him or her. The respondent shall not be required to participate in the hearing or to make any statement at the hearing.
- (H) The hearing shall be conducted by the Adjudication Committee in a fair and impartial manner, but the committee shall not be bound to follow the usual rules of evidence or formal rules of procedure (other than those set forth in this Code). The hearing shall be conducted so as to best ascertain the truth and to carry out the spirit of this Code.
- (I) The hearing shall be open to members of the faculty and to law students unless the Adjudication Committee, at the request of the respondent, shall direct that the hearing, or any portion of the hearing, be closed.
- (J) The hearing shall be recorded, with such recording made available to the respondent, if requested, at the respondent's expense.
- (K) Unless the Adjudication Committee shall provide instructions to the contrary, the hearing recording and all briefs, motions, exhibits, and other materials pertaining to the adjudication shall be preserved by the dean for a period of three years from the date of the hearing.

Article 2.7

Verdict

- (A) At the conclusion of the hearing, the Adjudication Committee shall deliberate in private, and a guilty verdict shall be returned where three-fifths of the members find, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the respondent has violated this Code within the contemplation of Article 2.0. If three-fifths of the members of the committee are unable to make such a finding, a verdict of not guilty shall be returned.
- (B) Upon a determination that the respondent is guilty, the Adjudication Committee shall establish the sanction, if any, which is to be imposed upon the respondent.
- (C) The Adjudication Committee shall promptly prepare a written opinion (signed by the members of the committee, with dissenters identified), in the following manner:

- (1) the opinion shall contain (a) the name of the respondent; (b) a statement of the facts; (c) a citation of the specific provisions of this Code which Adjudication Counsel had probable cause to believe that the respondent violated; (d) the decision of the committee; and (e) a discussion of the committee's rationale for its holding;
 - (2) where the committee concludes that the respondent is not guilty, the opinion shall include a direction to Adjudication Counsel to expunge the record; the Adjudication Counsel shall promptly take all necessary action to delete from the respondent's records any and all references to the charges and proceedings under this Code;
 - (3) where the committee concludes that the respondent is guilty, the opinion shall include the sanction imposed by the committee;
 - (4) where the committee concludes that, because of the time and attention devoted by the respondent to the adjudication process, the respondent's academic standing could be adversely affected, the opinion may include, if requested by the respondent, a recommendation that the respondent be accorded lenient treatment should it become necessary for him or her to reapply for admission to the College of Law;
 - (5) if desired by the dissenters, a dissenting opinion shall be attached to and shall become a permanent part of the committee's opinion.
- (D) The opinion of the Adjudication Committee shall be delivered promptly to (1) the dean, (2) the respondent and (3) the Adjudication Counsel. In cases where the complaint concerns allegations of a violation of Article 1.5 (B) or otherwise implicates the University's obligations under Title IX, the opinion of the Adjudication Committee shall be delivered promptly to the University Title IX Compliance Officer.
- (E) Except in the case of a private reprimand, a copy of the opinion of the Adjudication Committee shall be posted for two weeks in a conspicuous place in the College of Law. Such posting shall commence on a date which is no earlier than the latest of the following dates:
- (1) the eleventh day following the final determination date described in Article 2.9(A)(1);
 - (2) the date described in Article 2.9(A)(2); or
 - (3) the date described in Article 2.9(A)(3).
- (F) The Adjudication Committee shall prepare and maintain, as a public record, a syllabus of each opinion. The syllabus shall contain a written summary of all information contained in the opinion, as set forth in section (C), except that the identity of the respondent shall not be disclosed.
- (G) The respondent shall have the right to file a motion for reconsideration of the determination of the Adjudication Committee. The motion shall be filed with the chair of the Adjudication Committee within ten days following the date on which the respondent received a copy of the committee's opinion (or, if the respondent refuses to accept delivery, following the date on which the respondent is tendered a copy of the opinion). The committee shall promptly consider any motion for reconsideration and shall announce its decision in a writing delivered in the manner set forth in section (D).

Article 2.8

Sanctions

- (A) The sanction imposed upon a law student who has been found guilty of violating this Code, in addition to notification to licensing authorities, may include one or more of the following:
 - (1) withdrawal of degree;
 - (2) restitution;
 - (3) permanent expulsion from the College of Law;
 - (4) suspension from the College of Law for a temporary, specified period of time not to exceed one academic year for each violation;
 - (5) loss of credit hours for any course with which the violation was directly related;
 - (6) official reprimand, prepared by the dean, to be posted conspicuously in the College of Law for a period of two weeks;
 - (7) imposition of non-academic probation for a temporary, specified period (including denial of eligibility for any or all offices or positions held in the Student Bar Association, University Student Government, Law Review, Moot Court teams, student law fraternities or other University or student organizations and activities);
 - (8) private reprimand.
- (B) In imposing sanctions, the Adjudication Committee shall consider all factors the committee determines to be relevant. The committee shall take into account (1) the time expired between the date of the violation and the date on which the complaint was filed and (2) where appropriate, the extent to which respondent has made restitution. In all instances, the sanction shall be commensurate with the nature of the violation.

Article 2.9

Review

- (A) Except for the sanction described in section (A)(8) of Article 2.8, the respondent shall have the right to appeal the sanction imposed by the Adjudication Committee to the faculty. The respondent shall file a written notice of appeal with the dean within ten days following the latest of the following dates:
 - (1) the date on which the respondent received (or was tendered) a copy of the opinion of the Adjudication Committee;
 - (2) the date on which the respondent received (or was tendered) a copy of the decision of the Adjudication Committee respecting respondent's motion for reconsideration; or
 - (3) the date on which the respondent received (or was tendered) a copy of any revised opinion of the Adjudication Committee issued as a result of the committee's decision respecting respondent's motion for reconsideration.

- (B) The respondent shall have the right to appear before the faculty at a regularly scheduled or specially called faculty meeting in order to present his or her contentions on appeal. The respondent may be represented. A quorum of two-thirds of the faculty shall be required to hear any appeal. Upon completion of the respondent's appellate presentation, the faculty shall deliberate in private and reach a decision.
- (C) A vote of two-thirds of qualified members of the faculty shall be required to modify the sanction imposed by the Adjudication Committee. For the purposes of this section, the term "qualified members of the faculty" means those faculty members who are (1) present at the meeting and (2) not precluded from voting under the provisions of section (D). In cases where the complaint concerns allegations of a violation of Article 1.5 (B) or otherwise implicates the University's obligations under Title IX, the dean shall promptly notify the University Title IX Compliance Officer of any modification of the sanction imposed.
- (D) While all faculty members may participate in the review process and in the deliberations, the following members of the faculty shall not participate in the vote (although they shall be counted for the purposes of determining the presence of a quorum under section (B);
 - (1) faculty members serving on the Adjudication Committee in the case under review;
 - (2) faculty members serving as the Adjudication Counsel in the case under review;
 - (3) faculty members who (a) represented the respondent in any phase of the case under review, or (b) served as a witness before the Adjudication Committee to provide testimony as to the substance of the violation (and not merely to provide testimony as to the respondent's character);
 - (4) faculty members who filed the complaint in the case under review.
- (E) The faculty shall have no power to reconsider the adjudication of guilt.

Article 2.10

Enforcement

In all cases where the Adjudication Committee determines that the respondent is guilty of a Code violation, the dean shall administer the sanction imposed by the Adjudication Committee (or by the faculty, if the sanction is modified pursuant to the provisions of Article 2.9).

PART THREE: OTHER PROVISIONS

Article 3.0

Academic Action by Faculty

Nothing in this Code shall preclude a faculty member from assigning any grade he or she deems appropriate.

Article 3.1
Computing Time Periods

- (A) In computing any period of time which is prescribed or allowed by this Code and which is expressed in terms of a number of days, the count shall begin on the first day and shall end at 4:30 p.m. on the final day.
- (B) The term “first day” means the day following the day of the act, event or default from which the designated period of time begins to run.
- (C) The term “final day” means the last day of the designated time period, determined by counting consecutive days on the calendar. However, if the last day is a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which classes are not in session, the term “final day” means the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which classes are not in session.

Article 3.2
Amendments

- (A) Subject to the provisions of this Article, amendments to this Code shall be made by the faculty of the College of Law at a regular or specially called faculty meeting. A quorum of two-thirds of the faculty shall be required to vote on an amendment. A favorable vote of a majority of the quorum shall be required to adopt an amendment.
- (B) Amendments to this Code may be proposed by any member of the College of Law administration, by any member of the faculty or by any law student. All proposed amendments shall be filed in writing with the dean. Except where a proposed amendment relates to a mere technical or stylistic correction and does not involve a substantive change to the Code, the following procedures shall be followed:
 - (1) the dean shall promptly (a) post the proposal in a conspicuous place in the College of Law, and (b) submit the proposal to an ad hoc committee for its recommendation respecting the proposal;
 - (2) the ad hoc committee shall be comprised of (a) three faculty members appointed by the dean and (b) four law students designated by the Student Bar Association pursuant to procedures established by the Student Bar Association; the dean shall designate which of the three faculty members shall serve as chair of the ad hoc committee;
 - (3) the ad hoc committee shall promptly consider the proposed amendment, conducting such meetings and public forums as it deems necessary; the committee shall prepare a written statement setting forth the committee’s recommendation with respect to the proposal (i.e., adoption, rejection or modification); if desired by the dissenters, a dissenting opinion may be attached to and shall become a permanent part of the committee’s written statement;
 - (4) the chair of the committee shall promptly deliver the committee’s written statement to the dean and to the members of the faculty;
 - (5) the faculty vote on whether to adopt the proposed amendment and/or to accept the recommendation of the ad hoc committee shall take place at a

faculty meeting held on a date which is no earlier than the later of the following dates:

- (a) the day on which the chair of the ad hoc committee made the delivery referred to in section (B)(4) or
- (b) the thirtieth day following the date on which the dean made the posting referred to in section (B)(1).

UPPER DIVISION WRITING REQUIREMENT

SECTION 1: THE NATURE OF THE REQUIREMENT

- 1.1: During the second or third year at the Pettit College of Law, each law student shall satisfy the Upper Division Writing Requirement. No student shall graduate from the College of Law without first fulfilling this requirement.
- 1.2: These procedures and standards shall apply in determining whether a student has satisfied the Upper Division Writing Requirement.

SECTION 2: THE WORK PRODUCT

- 2.1: Each student shall prepare a research paper that, in both style and substance, is comparable to a student comment in a law review, except as provided in section 2.5. The paper shall be the product of extensive legal research conducted by the student. The paper shall be typed double-spaced on 8.5" by 11" paper and shall be at least 20 pages in length (not counting footnote pages or appendices).
- 2.2: Each paper shall be prepared under the supervision of, and shall be graded by, a member of the faculty at the College of Law. Each paper shall be prepared in satisfaction of the requirements of a seminar in which the student has enrolled.
- 2.3: The paper shall represent the individual effort of the student producing it. No student shall receive material assistance with respect to the project from any individual (other than the supervising faculty member) without the express approval of the supervising faculty member.
- 2.4: The paper must not have been submitted for a grade in any previous course.

SECTION 3: SELECTION OF THE TOPIC

- 3.1: Each student shall select a topic for the paper which will provide an opportunity for substantial legal research. The topic must be sufficiently precise to permit its authoritative treatment in the paper. The topic shall not be selected by the supervising faculty member.

- 3.2: By the end of the first week of the semester in which the student will be writing the paper and submitting it for a grade, the student shall submit to the supervising faculty member, for the faculty member's approval, a writing containing the topic selected and a brief statement setting forth the significance of that topic. If the faculty member does not find the topic acceptable, he/she shall so advise the student. The faculty member may make suggestions as to how the topic might be improved.
- 3.3: No student shall be permitted to write a paper in satisfaction of the Upper Division Writing Requirement during any semester in which the student's topic has not been given final approval by the supervising faculty member on or before the end of the second week of that semester.

SECTION 4: DEADLINES DURING THE QUALIFYING SEMESTER

- 4.1: The term "qualifying semester" means the semester during which the student writes the paper and submits it for a grade.
- 4.2: At the beginning of the qualifying semester, the student shall research authorities pertinent to the topic selected. The student shall prepare a reasonably complete list of authorities and shall submit it to the supervising faculty member within four weeks after the start of the qualifying semester. At that time, the student and the faculty member should meet to discuss the student's progress.
- 4.3: The student shall then consider the organization of the paper, including the manner in which the discussion of the issue(s) is to be developed and how the authorities are to be integrated into that discussion. The student shall prepare a clear and detailed outline of the paper and shall submit it to the supervising faculty member within six weeks after the start of the qualifying semester. At that time, the student and the faculty member should meet again to discuss the student's progress.
- 4.4: The student shall then begin writing the first draft of the paper. The first draft shall contain a developed consideration and analysis of the student's topic and appropriate citations and notes. The student shall submit the first draft to the supervising faculty member within eight weeks after the start of the qualifying semester.
- 4.5: During the ninth week of the qualifying semester, the student and the supervising faculty member should meet to discuss the first draft. At that time, additional requirements and deadlines may be established by the faculty member. The student shall comply with all requirements and shall meet all deadlines imposed by the faculty member.
- 4.6: All writings referred to in this section shall be typed on 8.5" by 11" paper.

- 4.7: Nothing in the foregoing provisions shall be construed as suggesting that the student and the supervising faculty member may not meet at more frequent intervals or that the supervising faculty member may not change the deadlines to fit the particular requirements of a student's research project.
- 4.8: No student shall seek to alter the established requirements and deadlines except for reasons of illness or for personal emergencies of the most serious nature. The supervising faculty member may, in his/her discretion, require supporting documentation from the student.

SECTION 5: SUBMISSION OF THE PAPER FOR GRADING

- 5.1: On or before the last day of the qualifying semester, the student shall submit the final version of the paper to the supervising faculty member for grading.
- 5.2: Under exceptional circumstances, the faculty member may extend the date for submitting the final version of the paper to the last day of the examination period for the qualifying semester.
- 5.3: Except as provided below, no paper submitted for grading after the last day of the examination period for the qualifying semester will satisfy the Upper Division Writing Requirement. This division deadline may be extended with the approval of both the supervising faculty member and the dean upon the submission by the student of a signed writing in which the student requests an extension of time and sets forth in detail the extraordinary factors believed to justify the extension.

SECTION 6: GRADING

- 6.1: It is recommended that the following factors enter into the determination of the student's grade in the paper:
 - (a) the extent, quality and thoroughness of the student's research;
 - (b) the authoritative nature of the student's treatment of the subject;
 - (c) the clarity of the student's writing;
 - (d) the manner in which the student treats and resolves open questions;
 - (e) the degree to which the paper complies with recognized standards of excellence in legal research and writing.
- 6.2: Other factors may enter into the determination of the student's grade in the discretion of the supervising faculty member, including the student's failure to meet any of the established requirements or deadlines.
- 6.3: To satisfy the Upper Division Writing Requirement, the student's paper must receive a grade of "C" or better.

- 6.4: The supervising faculty member shall promptly submit to the dean, the name and grade of the student meeting the Upper Division Writing Requirement, along with the title of the student's paper. The dean shall place the title of the paper in the student's official file, along with a statement that the paper satisfies the Upper Division Writing Requirement.

HONORS AND AWARDS

CALI EXCELLENCE FOR THE FUTURE AWARD

CALI, the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction, presents an award to the student in each law school course achieving the top grade in the course. CALI is a consortium of the nation's law schools that provides research and development and a distribution network for computer-assisted instruction in the law.

DEAN'S LIST

Each semester those students receiving a minimum grade point average of 3.5 are named to the Dean's List of ONU Law. They are recognized with a certificate at the annual awards ceremony.

LAW REVIEW AWARDS

The Ohio Northern University Law Review sponsors three awards annually. The Daniel S. Guy Award is presented by Law Review members for excellence in legal journalism. The Editor's Award is presented to the outstanding Law Review staff and associate editor member as voted by the members. The Outstanding Editorial Board Member Award is presented to the editorial board member who exemplifies outstanding commitment, dedication, and leadership as voted by the editor-in-chief.

THE LIBERTY BELL AWARD

The Liberty Bell Award, the most prestigious honor bestowed by the Student Bar Association, is presented annually in conjunction with the American Bar Association as public recognition for outstanding law community service at ONU Law.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS

This award is given annually to an outstanding graduate of each ABA-approved law school who contributes to the advancement of women in society and promotes issues and concerns of women in the legal profession. Included with the certificate of recognition and award is a one-year membership in the National Association of Women Lawyers.

ORDER OF BARRISTERS

The Order of Barristers is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills through effective law school appellate moot court programs. It provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in moot court ability and service at their respective schools.

OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Each year ONU Law provides awards in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement. ONU Law presents these awards to the students with the highest cumulative grade point averages in their classes.

PHI KAPPA PHI

Phi Kappa Phi is a national honorary society with a chapter at Ohio Northern that is open to upper-class students of ONU Law. Membership is restricted to students at the top of the second- and third-year classes, as specified by the regulations of the society.

PUBLIC INTEREST/PRO BONO AWARD

Students, faculty, and alumni who are engaged in volunteer public interest or pro bono services are eligible to be nominated for this award.

SUMMER SCHOLAR AWARD

ONU Law selects an outstanding first- or second-year student to receive a significant stipend and scholarship to enable him/her to spend the summer working with a member of the law faculty on a significant research project.

THE WILLIS SOCIETY

The Willis Society is the highest academic honor society at ONU Law. It was named after Frank B. Willis, distinguished statesman, lawyer, and alumnus of Ohio Northern. Membership is restricted to the top 10% of the third-year class.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

LAW REVIEW

The Ohio Northern University Law Review, a highly respected law journal of ONU Law, is edited and published by the students of ONU Law. Published three times a year, the Law Review consists of leading articles on current legal topics, student comments on legislation, and selected presentations from guest lecturers and symposia participants on varied legal topics. Membership in the Law Review is one of the highest honors awarded to a student of ONU Law.

Membership

- I. After spring semester, the first-year students who are in the top 10 students of their class will be invited to become Law Review candidates.
- II. Write-on competitions will also be held during the summer after the first year. Second-year students who are in the top 50% of their class are eligible for the competition. A general meeting will be held to explain the requirements of the competition (for example, how to write a memorandum and when it will be due). The memoranda will be graded by the Law Review editors, and anyone receiving the requisite score will be invited on Law Review as a candidate.

Requirements

In addition to performing all staff assignments satisfactorily, members must complete two writing assignments to maintain membership on the Law Review. First, students who are accepted as candidates are required to write a case note within three months of the date assigned by the editor-in-chief. The case note requirement consists of a detailed and concise analysis of a recent appellate opinion. Upon completion of a publishable quality case note, candidates are accorded staff membership. Staff members are required to write a comment that entails research and writing on a topical subject in a specific area of the law.

All case notes and comments are reviewed by the editorial board for publication in the Law Review. Those authors whose articles are selected for publication will receive personalized copies of their articles.

Any student who wishes to submit an article to the Law Review for publication is highly encouraged to do so. Again, personalized copies will be provided to those selected.

MOOT COURT

The Moot Court is a student organization associated with ONU Law. The organization is advised by faculty members. The primary purpose of the Moot Court program is to provide an opportunity for law students to improve oral advocacy and brief writing skills through participation in appellate and trial advocacy competitions. Each year, student advocates representing ONU Law compete against law students from other schools at national competitions.

All first-year students are introduced to the art of oral advocacy through participation in the Daniel S. Guy First Year Oral Advocacy Competition, which is part of the law school course "Legal Research and Writing." To participate in any Moot Court competition, an advocate must be in good academic standing. To participate in any national competition, the advocate must be a second- or third-year student. To participate in Celebrezze Competition, the advocate must have successfully completed the Daniel S. Guy First Year Oral Advocacy Competition.

Moot Court members and teams participate in a number of competitions each year. They have included the following:

American Bar Association's Spring National Appellate Advocacy Competition
Anthony Celebrezze Intra-School Appellate Advocacy Competition
Burke E. Smith Intra-School Mock Trial Competition
John J. Gibbons National Criminal Procedure Competition
Ohio Attorney General Mock Trial Competition
Parag Shah Intra-School Closing Argument Competition
Philip C. Jessup International Law Appellate Advocacy Competition
Southern Illinois University School of Law National Health Law Moot Court Competition

Texas Young Lawyers Association Mock Trial Competition

Appellate team members are elected on the basis of a writing sample and oral advocacy skills.

ONU Law offers academic credit for Moot Court activities. Academic credit is available for second- and third-year members of national Moot Court teams. The Moot Court is a charter member of the Order of Barristers, an honorary organization that provides national recognition for outstanding court advocates and programs.

AGRICULTURE LAW SOCIETY

The Agricultural Law Association is a revived student organization dedicated to promoting an area of law that surrounds the Ohio Northern community. We are focused on legal issues that are both current and relevant to our region as well as interesting agricultural matters that occur throughout the country. While agricultural law seems like a narrow, specialized field, it incorporates an extensive portion of the law, including estate planning, succession planning, business law, intellectual property, property and land use, insurance law, etc. Organization members will have the opportunity to learn from experienced individuals in the agricultural field.

ASSOCIATION FOR IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE REFORM

The purpose of the Association for Immigration and Refugee Reform is to promote awareness of immigration law and careers, improve ONU Law's community knowledge of immigration law and current immigration issues, and maintain contacts with students who may desire to explore immigration law.

BLACK LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The primary purpose of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) is the advocacy of the interests of Black law students. BLSA seeks to enhance the welfare and interest of minority groups by assisting with information pertaining to the law school, the securing of financial assistance, seeing that the curriculum is attentive and relevant to the needs of minority students, and assisting in the preparation of an adequate orientation program for new minority students.

BRUCE COMLY FRENCH INN OF THE AMERICAN INNS OF COURT

The Bruce Comly French Inn of the American Inns of Court began in 1992 as The William Howard Taft Inn of the American Inns of Court at Ohio Northern. Members include judges, senior attorneys, young lawyers, professors, and a group of ten rising second- and third-year students.

The Inn seeks to encourage better trial practices, encourage civility amongst practitioners of our craft, and to aid in the professionalism of the advocacy program.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

The Christian Legal Society meets on a regular basis throughout the academic year. Its purpose is to engage in devotional activity and to study Christian life and doctrine while considering the implications of the Christian faith to the study and practice of law.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY

The ONU Law Environmental Law Society seeks to promote an awareness within the university community and the local region of the wise use and proper management of the natural environment. Through guest lectures and symposia, the society provides a forum wherein all perspectives concerning environmental legal issues may be addressed. The society further seeks to promote career opportunities in environmental law in both the public and private sectors.

FEDERALIST SOCIETY

The Federalist Society is an organization of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be. The Society seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities.

Further, the purpose of the ONU Law Federalist Society is to stimulate thought and discussion about the application of conservative principles to the law. This entails recording priorities within the legal system so as to place a premium on individual liberty, traditional values, and the rule of law. It also entails restoring recognition of the importance of these norms among lawyers, judges, law students, and professors.

ICELANDIC LEGAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Icelandic Legal Exchange Program (ILEP) is a unique opportunity to experience the legal, cultural, and educational elements of Iceland. During the fall semester, ONU Law students host Icelandic law students for a short period of time. The students are exposed to the American legal system through a series of events organized by the ILEP board. Similarly, ONU Law students travel to Iceland during the spring break for an introduction to the Icelandic legal system. Membership in the program is open to all law students.

INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY

The society encourages student discussion on various aspects of international law. The organization sponsors events with speakers on international topics and on career opportunities in international law. It also serves as a source of information on summer programs abroad.

J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY

We affirm the strength brought to the law by a lawyer's personal religious conviction. We strive through public service and professional excellence to promote fairness and virtue founded upon the rule of law.

LAW SCHOOL VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Law School Veterans Association represents veterans at ONU Law and in the legal profession. The Association provides support for members during the law school experience and promotes awareness of veterans' issues.

LEGAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN (LAW)

The Legal Association of Women is designed to promote the discussion of gender issues that concern all members of the legal profession. The organization sponsors speakers and social events open to the entire student body. Membership is open to all law students, male and female.

LEGAL ETHICS AND TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION (LETA)

The Legal Ethics and Technology Association (LETA) exists to raise awareness about the responsible and ethical use of information and communication technology in both the personal and professional spheres of life through the use of monthly presentations given over the course of the regular school year.

PHI ALPHA DELTA INTERNATIONAL LAW FRATERNITY

Phi Alpha Delta maintains an active chapter at Ohio Northern and offers law students intellectual stimulus, an opportunity to meet members of the bar, and the chance for social relaxation with their classmates and professors.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW ASSOCIATION

The Public Interest Law Association encourages law students to participate in pro bono opportunities by collaborating with local judges, pro bono attorneys, government leaders, and legal aid staff, thereby increasing their legal knowledge and facilitating community awareness of the law.

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT LAW ASSOCIATION

The Sports & Entertainment Law Society helps its members to understand the role of the legal profession in the area of sports and examines legal issues in both professional and amateur athletics.

STUDENT ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

The ONU Law Student Animal Legal Defense Fund is dedicated to providing a forum for education, advocacy, and scholarship aimed at protecting the lives and advancing the interests of animals through the legal system, and raising the profile of the field of animal law.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

All students upon admission to ONU Law become members of the Student Bar Association, an organization that undertakes student activities of general interest and importance to ONU Law and its program. Yearly dues are payable with tuition each semester.

The association is structured in a senate form of government, with a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, parliamentarian, and three representatives elected from each of the three classes. The Student Bar Association is affiliated with the Ohio Federation of Law Schools and the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association.

LECTURE FUNDS

The Laurence N. Woodworth Lectureship in United States Tax Law and Policy was established by the university and ONU Law in 1995 in honor of Laurence N. Woodworth, BA 1940. Woodworth devoted his entire professional career to the formulation and implementation of tax law and policy at the highest level. The lectureship is a preeminent forum for the articulation of new ideas and new directions in tax policy in the United States. The lecture is given annually by a nationally prominent figure in the tax field.

The Lecture Fund of the Christian Legal Society is an endowment fund of \$5,000 given anonymously to provide annual income for programs sponsored or co-sponsored by the Christian Legal Society. Such programs are designed to promote the ideals, goals, and objectives of the Christian Legal Society.

FINANCIAL AID SOURCES

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Dr. Steven W. and Helen E. Kormendy Law Lecture Fund was established by Mrs. Helen Kormendy and family in memory of her husband, Dr. Steven W. Kormendy, LLB 1928, Hon. D. 1985. The income from the fund is used each year to bring a prominent jurist or jurists to the campus to address matters of law in a public forum and in class settings.

The Ella A. and Ernest H. Fisher Chair in Law was established in 1984 from the estate of Ella A. Fisher, LLB 1921, and Ernest H. Fisher, BSME 1915.

The Fred L. Carhart Memorial Program in Legal Ethics was established at ONU Law in 2007. The endowment to fund the program came from the estate of Dwight L. Carhart, LLB 1947, in memory of his father, Fred L. Carhart, BS 1902, a lifelong attorney in Marion, Ohio. The program brings eminent scholars, jurists, and lawyers to ONU Law to actively engage in lectures, seminars, and panel discussions for the benefit of our students, the college and university communities, and the public, as

well as the bench and bar. The Cahart program funds lectures and symposia in alternating years. The first lecture was held in 2007-2008.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

The funds for the financial aid enumerated in this catalog have been generated from the sources set forth below. **Please note that these funds are awarded through the university Office of Financial Aid and not through ONU Law.**

The Albert A. Baillis Scholarship was established by alumni, faculty, and friends to honor Professor Albert A. Baillis, professor of law from 1957 to 1991. The award is made in accordance with university policy with preference given to an Ohio resident.

The August J. and Ruth P. Leagre Memorial Fund was established by Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Leagre of Indianapolis, Indiana, in memory of his parents. Richard Leagre, BA 1959, received a Bachelor of Arts in history and political science from Ohio Northern in 1959.

The Bashor-Yinger Financial Aid Fund was established by Dr. Mary B. Yinger, D.O., as a memorial to her husband, Dr. Elmer L. Yinger, D.O. Each year, a financial award shall be made to a qualified, worthy student at ONU Law with financial need.

The Carl Frederick Klein, Clara E. Berry Klein and Robert W. Summers, M.D., Scholarship was established by Mariann Klein Summers of Canton, Ohio, in memory of her parents and husband. Carl Klein, LLB 1925, practiced law for many years in Canton and was, at one time, mayor of the city. Robert Summers practiced medicine in Canton for many years.

The Carroll E. Sammetinger Law Scholarship was established by Audrey Sammetinger, in memory of her husband, Carroll, LLB 1949. The award will go to a worthy student at ONU Law with financial need.

The Claude W. Pettit Memorial Scholarship was established by friends in memory of the late dean of ONU Law, Claude W. Pettit, Hon. D. 1957. Annual income from this fund shall be awarded upon recommendation of the dean of ONU Law to worthy students with financial need.

The College of Law Scholarship was established to provide funds for a student at ONU Law.

The Daniel S. and Eleanor B. Guy Scholarship was established by Daniel Guy, JD 1952, ACIT 1985, Hon. D. 2005, professor of law, and his wife, Eleanor Guy. Daniel Guy retired in 1998. He joined the faculty in 1959 and was dean of ONU Law from 1978 to 1983. The scholarship is to be awarded annually to a second- or third-year ONU Law student in good standing academically and in need of financial assistance.

The David C. and Edna L. Haynes Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by David C. Haynes through a will bequest. Haynes attended ONU Law for two years and earned his LLB in 1926. The income from the fund shall be used for tuition, room and board, and books for students attending ONU Law without regard to race, creed, ethnic background, sex, or religious preferences.

The Delbert L. Latta Law Scholarship Fund was established by the Honorable Delbert L. Latta, LLB 1940, BA 1950, DPA 1983, of Bowling Green, Ohio, for students of his former congressional district with high abilities and financial need. (The congressional district included the Ohio counties of Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood.) The Honorable Delbert L. Latta served as a member of Congress for 30 years, voluntarily retiring in 1989. He had a long and distinguished career.

The Dr. and Mrs. Julius Matz Scholarship Fund awards a scholarship to an ONU Law student without regard to financial need. Julius Matz, LLB 1927, Hon. D. 1984, graduated from ONU Law in 1927.

The Dr. George D. and Evelyn B. Brabson Scholarship was established by Dr. and Mrs. Brabson for a law student with outstanding academic scholarship. Dr. Brabson, Hon. D. 1977, was a member of the ONU Law faculty from 1962-72.

The Dr. John E. Beard III Memorial Scholarship was established in 2003 by friends, colleagues, and family members as a memorial to John E. "Jack" Beard III, BA 1969, JD 1972. The scholarship is to assist deserving students at ONU Law. Beard was a member of the Board of Trustees at Ohio Northern and a prominent Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, attorney when he died at the age of 55 in 2003.

The Ella A. Fisher Student Aid Fund was established for a worthy student at ONU Law with financial need by Ernest H. Fisher, BSME 1915, and his wife, Ella A. Fisher, LLB 1921.

The Ernest R. Genovese Scholarship was established by John H. Genovese, JD 1979, of Coral Gables, Florida. Income from the fund will provide scholarships for worthy ONU Law students.

The Erwin L. and Effie M. Clemens Scholarship Fund was established in 2001 through a bequest from the estate of Erwin L. Clemens, LLB 1934, Hon. D. 1981, of Defiance, Ohio. The endowment supports scholarships to second- and third-year law students whose academic performance is superior but whose financial need is so great that their continued study of law might be at risk without substantial scholarship assistance. A distinguished attorney and 1934 graduate of ONU Law, Clemens's interest in the fund was stimulated by his own struggle over several years during the Great Depression to pay for the legal education that defined his ambitions and his life's work. Beginning in 1967 and continuing until his death in 1999,

Clemens served as a university trustee. During his tenure, he played a leadership role in two fundraising campaigns for ONU Law.

The Eugene N. Hanson Fellows & Scholarship Program was established in 2009 to provide financial support to deserving law students at ONU Law. Eugene N. Hanson, Hon. D. 1986, was dean of ONU Law from 1958-73 and on the faculty at Ohio Northern for 35 years. He was legendary for his ability and willingness to find a few extra dollars for students in need. Alumni repeatedly talk about how Hanson gave them a check to help them get through the week, month, or quarter. In recognition of this legacy, ONU Law created the Hanson Fellows Program to fund need-based grants to students not receiving university-funded aid. The program is funded by alumni, family, and friends of Hanson.

The Evan W. Morris Law Scholarship was established by Evan M. Morris, JD 1965, in memory of his father, Evan W. Morris, a well-known Alliance, Ohio, attorney.

The Frank B. Willis Student Aid Fund was established through the will of Helen Willis, in recognition of her father, Frank B. Willis, BA 1907, LLB 1914, law faculty member, United States congressman, Ohio governor and United States senator. Income from this endowed fund shall be given each year to students at ONU Law with financial need in good academic standing with preference given to students from Ohio.

The Frank J. Aimutis Scholarship was established in memory of Frank J. Aimutis, BSEE 1917, by his wife, Neva (Thomas) Aimutis, AA 1920, to assist students majoring in engineering or law.

The George C. Ellis Law Scholarship Fund will be awarded to ONU Law students with demonstrated financial need.

The George Ray Craig Scholarship was established by Janet E. Henderson to honor the memory of her father, George Ray Craig, BS 1888, for law students selected in accordance with law college financial aid policy.

The Harold J. and Irene G. Meredith Scholarship was established by Harold J., LLB 1925, and Irene G., AA 1925, Meredith of Lima, Ohio. The income is used to provide assistance to highly qualified students at ONU Law who require financial assistance and whose moral standards reflect those of the university. Dr. Meredith was a trustee of the university from 1957-84 and a former president of the Board of Trustees.

The Harvey and Marilyn Creighton Law Scholarship was established through a bequest by Marilyn E. Creighton of Canton, Ohio, as a memorial to her husband, Dr. Harvey H. Creighton, LLB 1928, Hon. D. 1976, who was a partner in the Canton law

firm of Creighton and Sicafoose for 58 years. The award will go to a worthy student demonstrating financial need, pursuing a degree in law.

The Henry C. Ashcraft Scholarship Fund was established through a bequest from Henry C. Ashcraft, BS 1909, LLB 1910, to be used for a worthy law student with financial need.

The Herman E. and Joanne E. (Judy) Hunt Endowed Scholarship was established by Herman E., BSPH 1959, JD 1969, and Joanne E. Hunt of Columbus, Ohio. Scholarship recipients will be limited to Ohio Northern pharmacy or law students including entering freshmen who are deemed worthy of financial assistance by appropriate college officials, maintain a 3.5 GPA and shall be from one of the following counties in the State of Ohio: Franklin, Delaware, Madison, Pickaway, Fairfield, Hocking, Morgan, Ross, Miami, Shelby, Champion, Darke, Logan, and Hardin.

The Hodges Scholarship Fund is provided through the will of Margaret Schwartz Hodges, a friend of ONU Law from Findlay, Ohio. Income from this endowed fund is to be used to provide “memorial scholarships in her name for deserving students in the College of Law.”

The Hon. Frederick D. Pepple Endowed Scholarship Fund is a donor restricted gift to provide financial support to deserving law students attending ONU Law. The selection policy is determined by completing an application and is determined by the dean or his designees.

The Jerome L. and Margery Holub Scholarship was established by Jerome L. Holub, LLB 1951, of Akron, Ohio, for a qualified student at ONU Law.

The John A. L. Hughes Memorial Scholarship was established in 1970 in memory of John A.L. Hughes, LLB 1962. Income from this endowed fund is awarded annually to a needy and worthy law student.

The John C. Markey Charitable Trust Scholarship was established by the Markey Charitable Trust of Bryan for a qualified student at ONU Law.

The John E. Bauknecht Scholarship was established by John E. Bauknecht, LLB 1922, Hon. D. 1979, of East Palestine, Ohio. The annual income from this endowed fund is to be awarded to students at ONU Law with demonstrated high academic ability and need for financial assistance.

The Judge Anthony A. Alaimo Scholarship Fund was established to honor Judge Anthony A. Alaimo, BA 1940, by W.C. Killgallon, J.W. McSwiney, and other friends and alumni. Judge Alaimo was a senior federal judge for the South District Court of Georgia. The scholarship will be awarded to a student with a demonstrated work

ethic and a strong academic background or high academic potential. Holder of the scholarship will be required to maintain a 3.25 G.P.A.

The Judge Blase A. Bonapane Student Aid Fund is made in recognition of his appreciation for the legal education obtained at ONU Law and provided by a bequest from the estate of Judge Blase A. Bonpane, JD 1917. The annual income from this endowed fund shall be awarded to a worthy student, demonstrating financial need and pursuing a graduate degree in law.

The Judge William D. Radcliff Endowed Scholarship for the Pettit College of Law is established with a donor. Selection criteria for the awarding of the scholarship shall favor students who were raised and attended elementary and secondary school in rural counties of Ohio or neighboring states and who, in the opinion of the dean and/or awards committee, have a demonstrated record of academic achievement as well as a financial need.

The Lacey Law Scholarship was established by the estate of Zelma C. Lacey in memory of William H Guyton Sr., BS 1899, and William H. Guyton Jr., LLB 1941, for a worthy student.

The Law Alumni Scholarship is a general scholarship for law students, established by alumni and friends.

The Law Class of 1964 Scholarship was established by the members of that class to provide funds for a student at ONU Law.

The Leander P. Zwick III Scholarship was established by Dr. Leander P. "Pepper" Zwick III, JD 1975, of Canton, Ohio, for qualified students at ONU Law.

The Levi W. and Nancy N. Lile Endowed Scholarship was established in 2006 by Laird A. Lile, JD 1984, and family to honor his parents, Levi, JD 1972, and Nancy Lile of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Scholarship recipients will be limited to ONU Law students, including entering first-year law students, who are deemed worthy of financial assistance as judged by appropriate ONU Law officials. Special preference will be given to students who are Ohio residents, married with children, and embarking upon a second career in the law.

The Marsh Scholarship Fund was established by John Marsh Jr., LLB 1934, ACIT 1971, ACIT 1985, and his wife, Mary C. Marsh. Income from this endowed scholarship is to be awarded each year to law students of demonstrated academic ability and in need of financial assistance. Selection is made by the dean of ONU Law.

The Mary S. Wetherill Scholarship Fund was established through the Wetherill Foundation, created through the will of Mary S. Wetherill, and provides financial assistance to qualified law students.

The Monsignor Francis X. Schweitzer Service Award: Donald Beran (JD 1964) and Mary Helen Beran have made possible an endowed scholarship in memory of the late Monsignor Francis X. Schweitzer. A student will be selected annually at the discretion of the dean and by nominations of the law faculty. This award will benefit a student who embodies characteristics of community service to the law school and Ada area.

The Murray Gabriel Flom Scholarship Fund was established in 1974 by parents and friends of Murray Flom, a student at ONU Law who died in 1973. Income from this endowed fund will be awarded to a qualified second- or third-year law student with demonstrated need. Preference will be given to a Jewish student.

The Peter B. Betras Law Scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Peter B. Betras, LLB 1928, by his friends Anthony G. Rossi and Anthony G. Rossi III, JD 1991, attorneys in Warren, Ohio. The award is to go to a qualified student at ONU Law. Betras was a well-known Youngstown, Ohio, attorney.

The Robert and Iola Koch Student Aid Fund for the College of Law was established by C. Robert Koch, LLB 1941, ACIT 1986.

The Robin R. Obetz Scholarship was established through the generosity of Dr. Robin Obetz, JD 1964, ACIT 1985, Hon. D. 2002, to assist academically worthy students with financial need.

The Rutter-Taggart Scholarship helps students who are in need of financial assistance and have attained scholastic standing in the upper third of their college class. Preference in awarding this scholarship is given to students in or entering ONU Law.

The Stuckey Memorial Fund was established in memory of John S. Stuckey, LLB 1953, by his family and friends. Annual income from the fund shall be awarded, upon recommendation of the dean, to a worthy third-year student at ONU Law.

The Tudor Scholarship was established by members of the Hardin County Bar and other friends in memory of Judge Arthur D. Tudor, LLB 1924, who, for many years, was judge of the Hardin County Common Pleas Court.

The Walter L. and Helen W. White Law Scholarship was established by Walter L. White, BA 1941, LLB 1948, ACIT 1994, Hon. D. 2000, as a memorial to his wife, Helen. The scholarship is to be awarded annually to a student with financial need and deserving a quality education from ONU Law.

The William Clark Foster Scholarship Fund was established by the estate of William Clark Foster, LLB 1941, for worthy students of ONU Law, entering or continuing, who have excellent academic credentials represented by approximately a "B" average.

The William H. Blackford Award was presented by Mr. and Mrs. W. Vincent Rakestraw in honor of Mrs. Rakestraw's father, William H. Blackford, LLB 1936.

The William J. Brown Memorial Scholarship was established by friends and colleagues to honor the memory of William J. Brown, JD 1967, Hon. D. 1980, and to support a student generously by providing distinctive opportunities for learning the law, and to cultivate a culture of sophistication and high aspirations at ONU Law through the collective qualities of William J. Brown Scholars. Bill Brown was the youngest man elected to the position of Ohio Attorney General and the longest to serve in office, from 1971-83. He was a senior partner in the firm of Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter, taught at Franklin and Ohio Northern universities, and was active in numerous charitable, civic, professional, and political organizations.

The William James and Millicent Marie Burgess Scholarship was established by Rhett William, JD 1979, and Carol Sue Burgess of Leo, Indiana, to establish a memorial to the love and devotion between his parents, William James and Millicent Marie Burgess. Scholarship awards will be made for a full academic year and may be renewed annually on the basis of satisfactory progress toward graduation from ONU Law. The recipient of this scholarship must be a current member of any branch or unit of the United States military forces, or a son or daughter, provided such member or veteran has successfully completed the United States Army's Airborne School and earned his/her United States Army Parachutist Badge—commonly referred to as “Jump Wings.” Should no student qualify, then all or part of the fiscal distribution from the fund may be used for scholarship awards to any second- or third-year law students.

The W. Kent Carper Scholarship Fund will be awarded to academically eligible ONU Law students from West Virginia, or who work as or who have a family member who works as a first responder or in public health.

LOAN FUNDS

The Benefactor's Loan Fund is a perpetual revolving fund from which small loans are available to students judged by the university administration to be worthy and in need.

The Earl D. Haefner Loan Fund was established in the memory of her husband by Leona K. Smith to benefit needy law students.

The Hattie M. Strong Foundation College Loan Program provides interest-free loans, normally ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000, to eligible, upper-class law students. The terms of repayment are based upon monthly income after graduation and are arranged with each individual so as to work a minimum of hardship. Students who wish to apply for a loan should write to The Hattie M. Strong Foundation, 409 Cafritz Bldg., 1625 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, between January 1st and June 1st prior to the academic year during which they require financial assistance. The letters should contain a brief personal history, the name of the educational institution

attended, the subject studied and the amount of funds needed. If the applicant qualifies for consideration for a loan, formal application forms will then be sent to be filled in and returned to the Foundation. Since there are normally many more applicants than the funds available can accommodate, loans are necessarily made on a competitive, individual merit basis, taking into account the applicant's scholastic record, motivation, need, and self-reliance, without regard to race, sex, or religion.

The Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity offers loans to worthy student members up to a maximum of \$500 upon terms prescribed by its governing board.

The United Methodist Student Loan Fund provides loans to a limited number of worthy students who are members of the United Methodist Church. The Student Loan Fund is administered by the Board of Education of the Church. Christian character, scholarship, promise of usefulness, financial responsibility, and the recommendation of the church to which the applicant belongs are essential to a loan. Each borrower must sign an interest-bearing promissory note.

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