

# Wilmington University School of Law

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#### About Us

Wilmington University School of Law ("WilmU Law") is a private, non-profit law school and part of Wilmington University. Creation of the School of Law was announced on October 27, 2022. The School of Law's values reflect those of Wilmington University – student centered, affordable and with an emphasis on building skills for future employment. We also share the University's commitment to Delaware and the region. We expect our students to be an active part of our home state while preparing them for the legal profession in any state. We also embrace the University's commitment to diversity – graduating lawyers who truly reflect the communities they serve.

#### **Academics**

Our curricular design ensures students have access to all bar-tested subjects. The first two years are structured and required. This eliminates the stress of choosing between bar-tested subjects and electives. The third year is dedicated to students' exploration of specific areas of the law through electives, expansion of their knowledge on the Delaware bar exam subjects, and experiences of different types of legal work through externships. For those students intending to practice law in Delaware, WilmU Law's externship program will provide opportunities that will help students fulfill the additional requirements needed to become a Delaware lawyer.

| 1L Class Profile   | 2L Class Profile   |
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| 12 Full Time Students  | 8 Full Time Students   |
| 14 Part Time Students  | 12 Part Time Students  |
| States Represented: Delaware, Maryland, New<br>Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Florida | States Represented: Delaware, Maryland, New<br>Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, Georgia, and<br>Florida |

## First Year Curriculum (required)

Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts I & II, Criminal Law, Legal Writing I & II, Property, Torts

## Second Year Curriculum (required)

Advanced Legal Analysis, Agency and Partnership, Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Constitutional Law II, Corporations, Experiential Learning, Evidence, Family Law, Professional Responsibility,
Sales and Leases, Trusts and Estates

Additional Requirements: 1L Mentor Program, Excellence in Lawyering and Leadership (ELLP)

## **Recruiting Information for Employers**

WilmU Law looks forward to working with local, regional, state, and national organizations and connecting employers with our dynamic student body. We ask employers interested in connecting with WilmU Law students to register at <a href="https://law-wilmington-csm.symplicity.com/employers">https://law-wilmington-csm.symplicity.com/employers</a>. Registering to connect with WilmU Law students through oncampus recruiting, resume collections, information sessions, and job postings acknowledges your acceptance of the Law School's <a href="https://employers.org/lemployers">EMPLOYER POLICIES</a>. We are excited to assist as you recruit at WilmU Law. There is no cost to recruit. The opportunities to connect with students include:

On-Campus Interviews ("OCI"). Interviews are conducted during both the fall and spring semesters. There is no charge to participate in OCI and parking is close and accessible. Employers are able to pre-screen and select candidates they wish to interview. Contact our office for the law school calendar to maximize your time with us while meeting our students.

*Resume Collect.* The Office of Professional Development will collect and send resumes, as well as other requested application materials in a single packet to employers.

*Resume Direct.* For employers who wish to receive resumes directly from our students during the semester, the Office of Professional Development publicizes information about your organization and the available opportunity so that students may apply to you directly.

Job Postings. Employers can post jobs for part time, full time, or summer positions for 1Ls, 2Ls, part time, or full time students. Please note, Wilmington University School of Law reserves the right to use its discretion to decline the posting of any job.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Professional Development at lawopd@wilmu.edu or 302.268.1277.

#### **ABA Accreditation**

Wilmington University School of Law is seeking approval of the Council of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar ("Council"), the accrediting agency for J.D. programs.

Full ABA Approval is a multi-step process. The initial level of approval the Council awards is provisional approval. From an accreditation perspective, a law school receiving provisional approved is entitled to all the rights of a fully approved law school. Similarly, from an ABA perspective, graduates of provisionally approved law schools are entitled to the same recognition that is accorded graduates of fully approved law schools. ABA procedures require that a law school complete at least one academic year before applying for provisional approval. Visit the <u>ABA Guide to Schools Seeking Approval</u> for a deeper explanation of the process.

Wilmington University School of Law is not currently approved by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association and makes no representation to any applicant that it will receive approval from the Council before graduation of any matriculating student.

Timeline for Application for ABA Provisional Approval:

August 2023 - First class enrolls at WilmU Law

March 2024 - WilmU Law sends ABA notice of intent to apply for provisional approval

Summer 2024 - Submission to the ABA of application for provisional approval

Fall 2024 - ABA site team visits WilmU Law

Spring 2025 - Council issues decision regarding WilmU Law's application

If granted provisional approval, the law school must wait a minimum of two years before applying for full approval.

## **Law School Administrators**

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AY 2024-25 Wilmington University School of Law Important Dates

September 16-20: Week 5 Assessment

October 14: Columbus Day

October 21-25: Week 10 Assessment

October 28-30: ABA Site Visit

November 11: Veterans Day

November 27-29: Thanksgiving

December 3-13: Study Period and Exams

December 10-Jan 13: Winter Break

January 20: MLK

February 10-14: Week 5 Assessments

February 17: Presidents Day

March 17-21: Week 10 Assessments

April 18-25 Spring Break

May 1-13: Study Period and Exams