



MARYLAND CAREY LAW

Meet the Dean

As the proud dean of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, I am thrilled that you are interested in entering the legal profession. As Maryland's flagship law school, nationally recognized for our innovative scholarship and top specialty programs, we can prepare you for a career in any area of the law you wish to pursue.

From day one, you will be welcomed into our community with faculty, staff, alumni, and classmates dedicated to supporting and encouraging you every step of the way. You will have access to exceptional opportunities that will help you put theory into practice and prepare you to pass the bar. This is an incredible place to learn the law and I encourage you to talk with our admissions team and come to the school for a tour to learn more about all we have to offer.



Renée Hutchins Laurent
Maryland Carey Law Dean
BA, Spelman College '90
JD, Yale Law School '93

Welcome

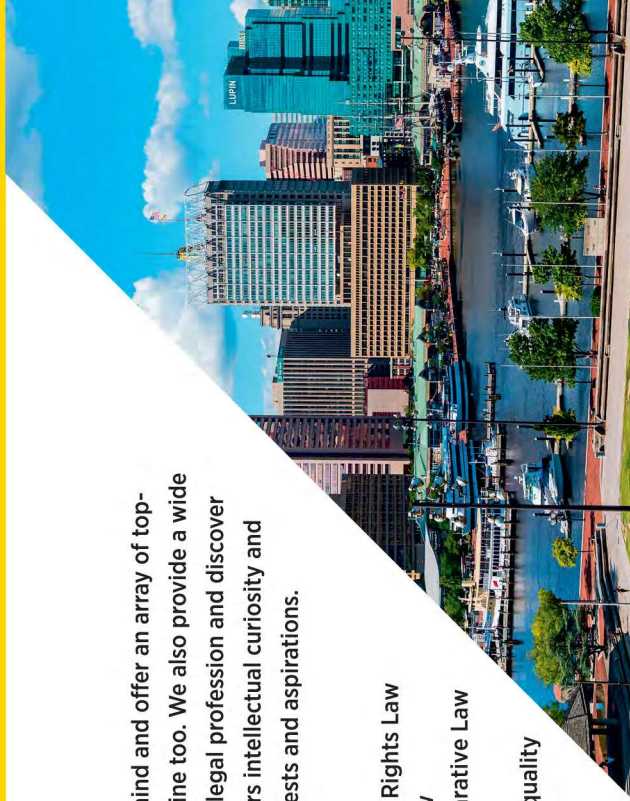
Whether you aspire to go into private practice, public interest, business, government, or the judiciary, the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law will prepare you with a strong foundation of theoretical knowledge and practical skills while helping you appreciate the profound impact laws and policies have on individuals and the world.

- *Second largest legal market in the United States*
- *40 minutes to Washington, DC*
- *National leader in experiential learning*
- *Diverse and supportive community*
- *Guaranteed clinic placements for students who start as 1Ls in the day program*
- *More than a dozen academic pathways*
- *Small class sizes*

Programs & Areas of Study

We know some students enter law school with a specific career path in mind and offer an array of top-tier specialty programs to enable focused learning. Not sure yet? That's fine too. We also provide a wide range of opportunities for you to gain a well-rounded perspective of the legal profession and discover your passion. Maryland Carey Law is a supportive environment that fosters intellectual curiosity and allows you to tailor your legal education to align with your evolving interests and aspirations.

- Business, Tax, and Financial Regulation
- Constitutional Law and Theory
- Criminal Justice and Policy
- Cybersecurity & Crisis Management Law
- Dispute Resolution
- Environmental Law and Policy
- Gender and Family Law
- Health Law and Policy
- Immigration and Human Rights Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International and Comparative Law
- Trial Advocacy
- Women, Leadership & Equality



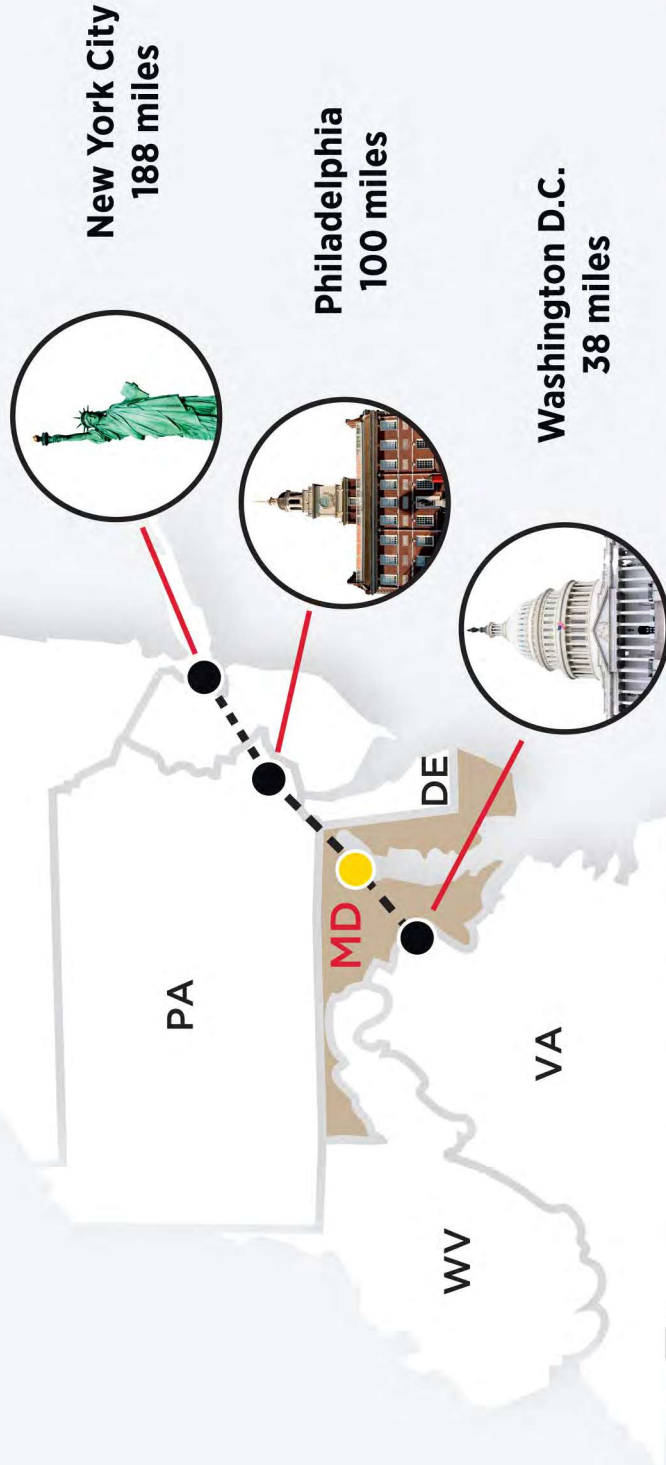
Location

Maryland Carey Law is located in downtown Baltimore on the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) campus. We are just blocks away from key federal and state courthouses and major legal employers, including law firms, legal non-profits, government agencies, and the Maryland Office of the Attorney General.

Baltimore is home to several AMLaw 350 national firms, many of which are within walking distance of the law school. Several transit routes connect Baltimore to Washington, DC in as little as 40 minutes, giving you endless options for externships and summer associate positions.



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The Baltimore-Washington corridor is the second largest legal market in the country.

Affordability

As you calculate the expenses you will incur during law school, and ultimately, the debt you will need to repay, choosing an affordable place to live should be a top consideration. Baltimore is a very affordable city with a wide variety of housing options. Rents in Baltimore tend to be lower than those in other east coast cities and there are many unique neighborhoods from which to choose.

Average Rent for a One-Bedroom Apartment According to Rent.com

	Baltimore, MD	Washington, DC	Philadelphia, PA	New York, NY	Boston, MA
	\$1,084	\$2,150	\$1,545 (Studio \$1,380)	\$5,242 (Studio \$4,187)	\$2,600 (Studio \$2,200)

Data sourced from Rent.com on 8/18/2025. Subject to change.

Community

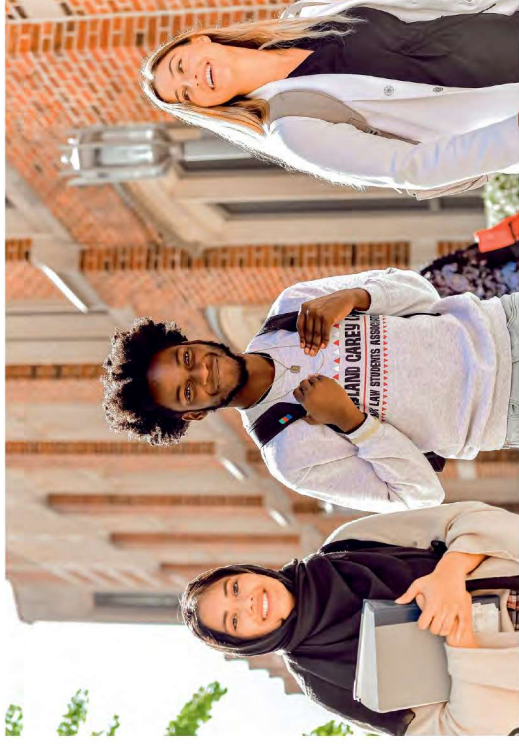
Ask any of our alumni and they will tell you what they valued most about their time at Maryland Carey Law was the collegial and supportive environment. We prioritize collaboration over rivalry, recognizing that the legal profession is at its best when built on mutual respect and shared growth. Our students, faculty, and staff are united by a genuine desire to see one another succeed.

Our engaged alumni community is a testament to the enduring bonds you will form during your time with us. Our graduates, numbering more than 13,000, have gone on to excel in various sectors of the legal profession and are committed to giving back, offering mentorship, guidance, and professional connections to current students.

Support Services

From the moment you enroll at Maryland Carey Law, you will have a team of people supporting you every step of the way. Academic and peer advisors will help you navigate the day-to-day aspects of law school, while alumni mentors and career counselors offer guidance on preparing for your legal career.

Beyond your academic and professional success, your mental health and wellness are a top priority. We encourage you to take advantage of the many resources available to you if you are struggling and to reach out to your peers if you recognize signs of distress.



Deborah Eisenberg
Vice Dean



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Associate Dean of
Institutional Engagement
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Associate Dean for
Student Services



Dana Morris
Assistant Dean
for Career Development



Resources

- Student Affairs Office
- Legal Writing Center
- Academic Achievement Program
- Student Counseling Center
- Career Development Office
- URECFit & Wellness
- Food Pantry
- Student Health Center
- Alumni mentors
- Peer advisors
- Individualized bar preparation
- Library liaisons
- Technology support
- Financial planning assistance

Clinics

All full-time, day program students who begin their JD at Maryland Carey Law will participate in a clinic. The hands-on experience you have in the clinic will be valuable in all types of lawyering: litigation, alternative dispute resolution, legislative advocacy, policy advocacy, transactional work, community education, and beyond. Just as important, your legal work will provide access to justice for clients in our community with crucial unmet legal needs.

Our top-ranked Clinical Law Program features 18 clinics, covering a wide variety of practice areas. As a student attorney in one of our clinics, you will work under the close supervision of faculty members on real-life cases that will hone the critical skills you need to hit the ground running in your legal career. Depending on your clinic, you may:

- Represent clients in state and federal court
- Interview clients and witnesses
- Identify and research legal issues
- Negotiate settlements
- Testify in front of legislators
- Prepare business formation documents
- File patents and copyright registrations
- Mediate disputes between litigants
- Investigate and draft petitions for parole and commutation
- Draft comments on proposed state and federal regulations

Recently Offered Clinics

- Criminal Defense
- Criminal Appellate
- Environmental Law
- Federal Appellate Immigration
- Immigration
- Intellectual Property & Entrepreneurship
- Gender, Prison, and Trauma
- Mediation
- Public Health Law
- Racial Justice and the Law

...and more



Externships

Externships help you develop practical skills in a professional setting while building relationships in the legal community. Working for a government or non-profit organization under the supervision of an attorney, you will experience the daily work of a lawyer. The following are just a few examples of the hundreds of externships our students have secured recently:

- *ACLU Maryland*
- *Environmental Protection Agency*
- *NAACP*
- *National Institutes of Health*
- *U.S. Attorney's Office*
- *U.S. Department of Justice*
- *U.S. District Court of Maryland*
- *U.S. House of Representatives*
- *U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission*
- *U.S. Senate*

Trial Advocacy

To further enhance your professional development, we offer numerous opportunities to participate in advocacy teams, where you can sharpen your courtroom prowess and engage in simulated trial competitions, negotiations, and appellate arguments. Our award-winning advocacy teams include:

- *National Trial Team*
- *Moot Court*
- *Alternative Dispute Resolution Team*
- *International Moot Court*
- *Environmental Moot Court*
- *Thurgood Marshall Trial Team*
- *Bankruptcy Moot Court Team*
- *Health Law Transactional Competition Team*
- *National Health Law Moot Court Competition*

Journals

Law journals provide a platform for you to hone your legal research and writing skills while contributing to legal scholarship and engaging in intellectual discourse with your peers. Journals also host symposia and other events focused on current legal topics with prominent speakers and guests. All students have the opportunity to write-on to one of the following five academic journals:

- *Maryland Law Review*
- *Journal of Business & Technology Law*
- *Journal of Health Care Law & Policy*
- *Maryland Journal of International Law*
- *Journal of Race, Religion, Gender & Class*

Student Groups

Join one of over 35+ student organizations and build your network while exploring different areas of law.

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Team
- American Constitution Society for Law & Policy
- Asian/Pacific-American Law Student Association
- Baltimore Outreach for Student Success
- Black Law Students Association
- Business Law Society
- Criminal Law Association
- Cyber Law & Data Privacy Association
- Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Association
- Food Law Society
- If/When/How
- Immigration Law and Policy Association
- International Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Labor and Employment Law Association
- Latinx Law Students Association
- Maryland Cannabis Law Society
- Maryland Environmental Law Society
- Maryland Intellectual Property Student Association
- Maryland Public Interest Law Project, Inc.
- Military Law and Veterans Society
- Moot Court
- National Lawyers Guild
- National Trial Team
- OutLaw
- Parents Attending Law School
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Republican Law Society
- Student Bar Association
- Student Health Law Organization
- Student Honor Board
- Students Supporting the Women's Law Center
- Federalist Society
- Thurgood Marshall Trial Team
- University of Maryland Association of Legislative Law
- University of Maryland Law Democrats
- Women's Bar Association



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