

Financing Your Legal Education

Starting in the 2014-2015 academic year and continuing through the 2017-2018 academic year, we have frozen tuition rates.

On average, 80% of incoming classes receive scholarships. Such generous scholarship aid, together with the region's low cost of living, make Western New England University an excellent choice for a high quality, yet affordable, private legal education.



“The legal professional often provides a voice to many who are voiceless. Today, the bench and bar need to be more representative of our increasingly diverse and multicultural society. It is imperative that law schools and the legal profession continue our aggressive efforts to address the lack of diversity in the legal profession through active recruitment, mentoring, and financial aid assistance.”

Michael Johnson
Associate Dean for Law
Student Affairs and
Enrollment

The Programs You Want

Western New England offers a wide range of elective courses and experiential learning opportunities to help you increase your knowledge base on diversity legal issues.

Some courses offered include:

- Civil Rights Police Misconduct
- Gender and the Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Critical Race Theory
- Sexual Orientation and the Law

Some experiential learning programs include:

- Center for Gender & Sexuality Studies
- International Human Rights Clinic
- Legal Services Clinic
- Frederick Douglass Moot Court
- Study Abroad in Israel

Student Organizations

Outside of the classroom, Western New England offers numerous student organizations designed for social and professional development. These organizations provide opportunities to network with classmates, students from other law schools, and alumni practitioners.

- Multi-Cultural Law Students Association (MCLSA)
- Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
- OUTlaw (Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender)
- Women's Law Association



Western New England is proud to boast one of the most robust LGBT faculties in the country. In 2013, Professor Jennifer Levi attended a White House reception for national LGBT leaders hosted by President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

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Western New England University School of Law is fully approved by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. Graduates are eligible to take the bar examination in any state.

Western New England University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, creed, national origin, age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, genetics, or disability in admission to, access to, treatment in, or employment in its programs and activities.

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Diversity Programs

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Unique Perspectives. Common Ground.



"Lack of diversity on the bench, whether in federal or state courts and whether of race, gender, or background, poses a huge danger to the courts."

—Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

One of the strengths of American society is our diversity. At Western New England University School of Law, we have a long and proud history of collegiality and inclusiveness, which embraces the notion that different beliefs, backgrounds, and opinions are critical components of a well-rounded learning environment. Today, the School of Law sponsors many diversity programs and services, from curriculum to experiential learning opportunities to networking events, designed to help you succeed.

Hear from the Professionals

Western New England has a vibrant speaker roster, which includes many lectures on important diversity issues ranging from such topics as "Profiling, Race and Masculinity: Florida, Massachusetts and Beyond" to "Gender and the Military."

Color of Law Roundtable—Since 2007, attorneys of color have visited Western New England to share their educational, career, and personal experiences to help current students find their own paths.

Center for Gender & Sexuality Studies Speaker—Established in 2012, the Center, one of the premier academic resource organizations in the country for LGBT issues, welcomes globally-recognized leaders in the field to discuss a broad number of areas relating to gender and sexuality and the law.

Clason Speaker Series—For more than 25 years, the top minds in the nation have visited the School of Law to present works in progress on current legal topics.

The Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (CIE) hosts numerous events throughout the year that assist growing local businesses, many of which are minority owned.



TOP: Dr. Christina Greer examines the interconnectedness of race and gender during the Clason Speaker Series. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Attorney Elizabeth Rodriguez-Ross L'07 discusses her career path at the Color of Law Roundtable. **BOTTOM MIDDLE:** The Hon. Geraldine S. Hines moderates the Supreme Court Pro Bono panel discussion. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The School of Law celebrates Constitution Day with a panel discussion titled, "Ferguson and the U.S. Constitution," moderated by Professor of Law Bruce Miller.



THE INCOMING CLASS OF 2015

- 38% self-identify as Students of Color
- 37% of the students self-identify as first generation college graduates
- 55% female

Events

From applying to law school to landing your first job, the School of Law sponsors numerous events where you can meet and network with professionals and other law students. Many of our successful alumni generously volunteer their time to mentor students and provide insight into how to prosper in the working world.

Minority Law Day Workshop—This annual event features representatives from regional law schools. Workshop sessions for diversity college students address current and future law school and scholarship applications.

Dinner for Students and Alumni of Color—A highlight of the School's fall social calendar, this annual event invites students to network with each other and many of our distinguished alumni.