Memphis Law is located in the heart of the 20th largest city in the United States. This location puts the law school in a position of influence within a major metropolitan area. As the only law school in Memphis, Tennessee, Memphis Law gives students unparalleled opportunities for success in a number of major corporate world headquarters, Memphis’ three Fortune 500 companies, a robust health care community including 25 hospitals and one of the world’s leading healthcare research facilities, and an extensive and diverse legal community including some of the nation’s and region’s most prominent law firms.

Memphis Law’s location will impact the education and experience you receive during your three years here; in turn, that education and experience will help you succeed wherever you go after law school. Memphis makes the difference, as evidenced by the way that Memphis Law is:

An exceptional HOME and LOCATION
DEDICATED to student-focused, experiential learning
ENGAGED with the community
A tradition of SUCCESS

Opportunity doesn’t just knock in Memphis; it sets up world headquarters, including FedEx, First Tennessee, AutoZone and International Paper.

And there are scores of options for indoor and outdoor recreation, too—Sun Studios, Overton Park, Stax Museum, Tom Lee Park and the Orpheum Theatre are just a few great places to start.
We are pleased that you are considering attending the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. Housed in a facility recently recognized as the best in the United States, Memphis Law boasts an exceptional faculty of teacher-scholars who are committed to our students’ success. We offer an outstanding program of legal education that emphasizes cutting-edge doctrinal and practical skills training, public service through innovative community-based educational programs, and a distinctive commitment to experiential learning made possible by our downtown location and strong reputation within the legal community.

With student success as our metric, we are extremely proud of the outcomes we have achieved. As a result of our exceptional educational programs and individual attention, our students pass the bar and find employment at rates that consistently rank among the best in Tennessee and that favorably compare with the nation’s finest law schools, allowing our more than 6,000 graduates to practice with distinction as lawyers, judges and public officials in 48 states. Moreover, we achieve these results while keeping tuition and student debt low for both residents and non-residents, making the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law not only an excellent law school, but also one the nation’s best values in legal education.

We are extremely proud of all we have accomplished since we graduated our first class in 1965. But we also know the best is yet to come! We invite you to come and join in our success.

Peter V. Letsou
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Memphis Law is housed in the magnificently renovated former U.S. Custom House, Court House, and Post Office, one of the most attractive historic buildings in downtown Memphis. In addition to the grandeur of the restored original federal courtroom built in the late 1880s, the facility features state-of-the-art classrooms, a spacious library, ample study and student activity space, an on-site Legal Clinic, numerous lounges and reception areas, and smart-classroom technology, making the law school at once beautiful, historic, and modern.

The law school is at the center of the extraordinary renaissance occurring in downtown Memphis. Overlooking the Mississippi River, the law school is located just blocks from state and federal courts and the heart of the region’s most important concentration of law firms, government offices, and cultural attractions. The law school’s location enhances our relationship with the legal community and greatly increases the opportunities for meaningful externship and clerking experiences in a city ranked by Forbes as one of the “10 Happiest Cities to Work In” in America. It also allows students to enjoy Memphis’ Southern charm, its great food and music, and the “grit and grind” of the NBA’s Memphis Grizzlies, all within walking distance of the law school.

The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law has been ranked #1 on preLaw magazine’s list of BEST Law School Facilities in the nation.

Memphis Law took top honors in the rankings of best law school facilities in a comprehensive report that listed the top 55 law school facilities in the country.
HISTORIC HOME & EXCEPTIONAL LOCATION FACTS

140,000
SQ. FT. FACILITY
WITH FIVE FLOORS
OF LAW LIBRARY SPACE FOR
RESEARCH & STUDY
as well as

270,000+
VOLUMES OF BOOKS

LAW SCHOOL BUILDING
listed as
BEST FACILITY
IN THE NATION

WALKING DISTANCE FROM
STATE & FEDERAL COURTS
NUMEROUS
GOVERNMENT
OFFICES

CLOSE TO THE WORLD
HEADQUARTERS OF
AUTOZONE, FEDEX & INTERNATIONAL PAPER
three of
FORTUNE’S “GLOBAL 500”

WITHIN BLOCKS OF THE LAW SCHOOL
WORLD HEADQUARTERS
of two of Fortune’s
“BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR”

BAKER DONELSON
& ST. JUDE CHILDREN’S
RESEARCH HOSPITAL
The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law offers an outstanding legal education, emphasizing the analytical skills, ethical responsibility, legal doctrine and theory, along with research, writing and oral advocacy skills. Our curriculum challenges students and prepares them for practice after graduation. In addition to offering a traditional core legal education, the curriculum emphasizes fundamental lawyering skills and core knowledge areas. Students have hands-on opportunities to sharpen their written and oral advocacy skills through externship and clinical courses, programmatic activities with organizations such as the Institute for Health Law & Policy, and co-curricular programs including outstanding advocacy programs and academic journals.

Our law school is committed to the Memphis community as well as the education of its future leaders. We have a number of programs, partnerships and clinics devoted to training our students to excel in areas that are currently under-served within the Mid-South, but are also incredibly important to the city’s future success. Our Neighborhood Preservation Clinic, in partnership with the City of Memphis, puts our students on the front lines of the battle against blight in Memphis. Our students are gaining incredible experience alongside attorneys that are at the forefront of the changing legal landscape, which will prepare them for a wide variety of jobs in new fields upon graduation. Memphis Law gives students a competitive edge by providing them with opportunities to participate in certificate programs or earn joint or dual degrees, allowing them to develop proficiency and expertise in key practice areas of the law. Certificate programs in Advocacy, Business, Health and Tax provide students with specialized and focused study, as well as increased marketability in their chosen fields. The law school offers a coordinated degree program leading to the conferral of a JD/MBA for students interested in obtaining both degrees. Students interested in government work also have the ability to enroll in a joint degree JD/MA. Students in the certificate programs enroll in specialized course tracks and receive mentoring and guidance from faculty advisors.

Additionally, to prepare and train students to apply law and policy to benefit public health, the law school and the University of Memphis School of Public Health have recently approved a JD/MPH dual degree program. The program offers students the opportunity to pursue JD and MPH (Master of Public Health) degrees simultaneously. Students will have the ability to complete both degrees in four years of full-time study, a year less than it would take to complete each degree separately.

The law school’s location in downtown Memphis puts students in the center of a vibrant regional business, legal and arts community, giving them even more opportunities to connect with practitioners and leaders.
STUDENT-FOCUSED FACTS

100% ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES THAT INCORPORATE HANDS-ON LEARNING THROUGH EXTERNSHIPS & CLINICS

92 EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS WITH FEDERAL JUDGES 2012–2015

76% STUDENTS IN LAST YEAR’S CLASS WHO PARTICIPATED IN A LEGAL CLINIC OR EXTERNSHIP

TYPICAL FIRST-YEAR SECTION SIZE: 60

ADVOCACY COMPETITION TEAMS COMPETING IN REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS
STUDENT-FOCUSED FACTS

63% of upper division courses with enrollment under 25 students on average.

40% of students participate in an academic journal.

Faculty serving as note advisors, research supervisors, or student organization advisors: 100%.

Areas of expertise represented by Memphis Law faculty.
Memphis Law loves Memphis. The law school’s active engagement with the City of Memphis provides unique opportunities for our students to serve the citizens of our metropolitan area. This service will allow students to use their newly learned legal skills to improve the lives of their fellow Memphians.

The law school’s location enables students to easily work with judges and attorneys in Memphis. Memphis Law is located within easy walking distance of all federal and state courts, as well as many of the city’s most prominent law firms. Our metropolitan location is also home to major companies such as FedEx, AutoZone, International Paper, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and a growing international biotechnology and health care community. Upper-level students regularly work at top government offices, hospitals and law firms, as well as with courts, judges and corporations.

As the only law school in Memphis, Memphis Law boasts an exceptionally close relationship with the Memphis Bar Association and local legal community and, as a result, hosts numerous professional seminars and conferences, giving students a unique opportunity to interact with pillars of our legal community. Our close ties to the legal community allow us to build an impressive list of adjunct faculty that includes leading attorneys, judges and government administrators.

We like to think of ourselves as the University FOR Memphis. Our students have an active role in making the community a better place through several law school programs. Our Neighborhood Preservation Clinic, in partnership with the City of Memphis, puts our students on the front line of the battle against blight in the Mid-South. They are provided with real-world, hands-on learning experiences with issues like property abandonment, neglect and blight, and also investigate property ownership and conditions of actual blighted properties all over Memphis. Working with code enforcement officers, these students prepare civil lawsuits and help prosecute negligent property owners for cases that go before our Environmental Court.

The law school’s work with Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital is another extension of our devotion to making the city a better place. Through our Institute for Health Law & Policy, we have established the Healthy Homes Partnership—intended to help eliminate environmental and safety hazards in housing, to promote collaboration among housing and legal services agencies and healthcare providers, and to advance best practices and strategies, including policy and regulatory changes to increase the availability of and access to healthy housing for all Memphis area residents.
ENGAGEMENT FACTS

10,182 PRO BONO SERVICE HOURS COMPLETED BY MEMPHIS LAW STUDENTS LAST YEAR

150+ LAW STUDENTS PLACED IN LEGAL EXTERNSHIPS IN MEMPHIS LAST YEAR

117 CASES HANDLED BY STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE THE ELDER LAW AND ELDER HEALTH LAW ADVOCACY CLINIC IN 2014-2015

53% OF ALL PRACTICING SHELBY COUNTY ATTORNEYS ARE MEMPHIS LAW ALUMNI
ENGAGEMENT FACTS

160+ CLIENTS HELPED LAST YEAR BY STUDENTS AS PART OF MEMPHIS LAW’S ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

55+ FEDERAL TAX RETURNS FILED BY MEMPHIS LAW STUDENTS IN THE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VITA) LAST YEAR

68 CONFERENCES, PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING RECEPTIONS CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION SEMINARS HOSTED AT THE LAW SCHOOL IN AN AVERAGE YEAR
Memphis Law has cultivated an outstanding record of success over the last half-century. Students pass the bar and find employment at rates that are among the best in Tennessee. In fact, over the last 15 years, Memphis Law students have passed the bar at annual rates that, on average, exceed the state bar examination pass rate by more than 7%. Memphis Law students also have consistently shown the ability to quickly find good jobs soon after graduation. In recent years, the law school’s graduates have placed at or above the national average in finding jobs within nine months of graduation and have exceeded the national average in finding jobs that REQUIRE bar passage.

Memphis Law has more than 6,000 graduates working in 48 states across the U.S. who have attained prominence as lawyers, judges, and public officials. Graduates are working in the public and private sectors from coast to coast, so Memphis Law’s alumni not only excel in this region, but also successfully practice throughout the country.

The University of Memphis School of Law has been training new attorneys for over 50 years. The law school is proud of its record of success and looks forward to building upon that record with the continued help of our outstanding alumni and ties to the legal community, both regionally AND nationally.
SUCCESSFUL FACTS

ON AVERAGE

88% OF MEMPHIS LAW GRADUATES HAVE EXCEEDED THE TENNESSEE STATE BAR PASSAGE RATE FOR 15+ CONSECUTIVE YEARS BY AN AVERAGE OF 7%

48 STATES WITH PRACTICING MEMPHIS LAW ALUMNI

7 MEMPHIS LAW ALUMNI SERVING AS FEDERAL JUDGES WITHIN THE SIXTH CIRCUIT
82% of Memphis Law graduates employed within 9 months of graduation on average.

On average, 24% of those graduates were employed in the public sector.
On average, 57% of those graduates were employed at law firms.

30 Memphis Law alumni are Memphis + Shelby County judges.

The Memphis District Attorney, Shelby County Public Defender, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee and the Federal Defender are all Memphis Law alumni.

*Employment statistics are averages from classes 2012-2014.
The University of Memphis School of Law is moving forward with a number of initiatives to enable YOU to find more success—in law school and in your career.

Our recently launched Institute for Health Law and Policy is building a nationally recognized program within the Mid-South health care community, with strong relationships already in place with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and Methodist Healthcare. The University of Memphis School of Law, Memphis Area Legal Services (MALS) and Le Bonheur Children's Hospital have collaborated to create the Memphis CHiLD (Children's Health Law Directive) Medical-Legal Partnership, the first medical-legal partnership of its kind in the region. In addition to a variety of training programs and educational, bi-directional partnerships, Memphis CHiLD will also consist of an on-site Legal Clinic located at Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital, where Memphis Law students, working under the supervision of a devoted clinical professor and a MALS staff attorney, will have devoted space to work on cases and referrals, meet with patients/clients, and conduct training sessions.

The Institute for Health Law and Policy Certificate in Health Law was created for students interested in refining their expertise in the area. Enrolled students can take specific courses to obtain the designated certificate at graduation.

Our Medical Legal Partnership and corresponding clinic train both our students and medical professionals at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital to help patients with legal needs in innovative and impactful ways. Our forthcoming Juvenile Defense Clinic, in partnership with the Shelby County Public Defender's Office, will allow our students to gain firsthand knowledge of the best techniques for juvenile defense at a time when the Shelby County Juvenile Court is leading a national effort of juvenile justice reform and our Public Defender's Office is on the cutting edge of this movement as well.

Memphis Law is also making impressive strides in the expansion of our experiential learning program, building upon the success of recent years when the program recorded its highest number of placements ever and provided students with expanded clinical opportunities to engage with clients and legal issues in the real world. Memphis Law recently partnered with the Memphis Bar Association to create an innovative incubator program to help Memphis Law graduates transition into private practice. This program, Esq.BUILD, pairs graduates with valuable resources that assist with both the legal and business aspects of law practice.
MOVING FORWARD FACTS

MEMPHIS LAW HAS RECENTLY
REDUCED ITS TUITION
FOR OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS
MAKING IT ONE OF THE
MOST AFFORDABLE
LAW SCHOOLS IN THE NATION
FOR NON-RESIDENTS

MEMPHIS CHILD
IS THE ONLY
MEDICAL-LEGAL
PARTNERSHIP
OF ITS KIND IN THE
MID-SOUTH

MEMPHIS LAW’S
ESQ. BUILD PROGRAM
PROVIDES TRAINING
SPECIFICALLY FOR
MEMPHIS LAW GRADUATES
PARTICIPATING IN
THE PROGRAM

13 HEALTH LAW
EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS
IN THREE YEARS
INCLUDING PLACEMENTS AT:
ST. JUDE CHILDREN’S
RESEARCH HOSPITAL
BAPTIST MEMORIAL
HEALTH CARE CORPORATION
METHODIST LE BONHEUR HEALTHCARE
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
AT MEMPHIS
&
THE SHELBY COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

200 CASES
HANDLED
IN ENVIRONMENTAL COURT
BY STUDENTS IN OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION CLINIC
Did we tell you that MEMPHIS LAW puts its students in a position of influence in the heart of the Memphis legal community? Attending law school at Memphis Law opens up a number of professional avenues, including meaningful, real-world-experience, networking opportunities with the Memphis legal community. These opportunities also lead to career prospects not only in various Memphis firms, government offices and world-class corporations, but throughout the state, region and across the nation.
MEMPHIS LAW IS
LOOKING FOR ITS NEXT CLASS

THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS
• Complete an undergraduate degree.
• Take the LSAT.
• Register for the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) at lsac.org.
• Complete an application by March 15 on lsac.org.
• Write a personal statement.
• Submit letters of recommendation and/or evaluations by March 15.
• Explain admonitory action (if applicable).
• Apply for scholarships (optional): Scholarship information can be found at http://www.memphis.edu/law/admissions/scholarships.php.
• If eligible, apply for the Tennessee Institute for Pre-Law (TIP), an “admission by performance” program for Tennessee residents and border-county residents from diverse backgrounds who are not admitted through the regular admissions process, but who show potential for success in the study of law. To find out more about TIP, please visit http://www.memphis.edu/law/about/tip.php.

FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST
• File your income taxes early.
• Apply for a PIN at pin.ed.gov.
• Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov by February 1.
• List the University of Memphis’ six-digit federal school code: 003509.

For more information about admissions or to schedule a visit to Memphis Law, please contact us at 901.678.5403 or lawadmissions@memphis.edu. For more information, visit http://www.memphis.edu/law/admissions/.

TOP 4
“MARKETS FOR MILLENNIALS”
WITH THE RIGHT
LIVE/WORK/PLAY
ENVIRONMENT
WALL STREET JOURNAL

RANKED #7
“BEST CITY TO START
A BUSINESS”
IN AMERICA
WALLETHub

TENNESSEE’S
LARGEST LAW FIRM,
LARGEST AD AGENCY,
LARGEST MEDICAL INSTITUTION,
AND
LARGEST BANK
ARE ALL HEADQUARTERED IN
DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS

#4 ON LIST OF
“HAPPIEST
CITIES FOR JOB-SEEKING
COLLEGE GRADS”
FORBES

RANKED #6 ON
“MOST AFFORDABLE CITIES
IN AMERICA”
FORBES

NAMED AS THE
“MOST IMPROVED CITY”
FOR
CYCLING
BICYCLING MAGAZINE

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