DRIVEN BY
DOING

DIVERSITY
COMMUNITY
LEARNING
EXPERIENCE
SUCCESS
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MEMPHIS
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DRIVEN BY YOU
Memphis is a city known for doing things its own way. At Memphis Law, we’re driven to do the same. We look at legal education differently to help you learn, grow and find success in your chosen field.

Our location in the heart of downtown Memphis drives your education and experience by giving you the opportunity to learn at the epicenter of the Mid-South’s largest legal community, while also experiencing the cultural renaissance going on all around downtown.

2017-2018 TUITION AND FEES
IN-STATE  OUT-OF-STATE
$19,197  $26,402

ESTIMATED EXPENSES  ALL STUDENTS
Room and Board  $9,962
Books/Supplies  $1,969
Transportation  $2,534
Miscellaneous  $3,270

7% federal clerkship rate last year, placing Memphis Law among the top law schools in the U.S.

Most Affordable Law School in Tennessee

Top 25 City Where Millennials Are Moving

90% overall employment rate for Class of 2016 graduates

TOP 75 in the U.S. for full-time, long-term, bar-passage required employment

Memphis is the 7th Least Expensive Law School in the U.S. for non-residents
Memphis Law is located in the heart of the 25th largest city in the United States, atop the Mississippi River bluffs with an unobstructed view of the mighty Mississippi River. This location puts the law school in a position of influence within a major metropolitan area. As the only law school in the city, Memphis Law gives students unparalleled opportunities for success in a number of major corporate world headquarters, Memphis’ three Fortune 500 companies, a robust healthcare 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.
Opportunity doesn't just knock in Memphis: it sets up world headquarters, including FedEx, First Tennessee, AutoZone, ServiceMaster and International Paper. And there are scores of options for indoor and outdoor recreation, too—Sun Studios, Overton Park, Stax Museum, Tom Lee Park, Shelby Farms Park and Greenline and the Orpheum Theatre are just a few great places to start.
LOCATED IN A POSITION OF INFLUENCE

In the middle of the Memphis Legal Community, Memphis Law is within walking distance to state and federal courts and numerous government offices with whom we partner. In an average year, we host more than 50 conferences, professional networking receptions and continuing education seminars — not to mention additional legal forums, panels and job fairs — with our legal community, all open to students.

And let’s not forget the many opportunities to watch real courts in action in our historic courtroom overlooking Madison Avenue and Front Street. You might even get to catch one of your own professors in action, as several of our adjunct faculty members are state or federal judges.

Our partnerships also expand to other disciplines at the University of Memphis as we offer dual/joint degree programs with the School of Public Health, Loewenberg College of Nursing, Fogelman College of Business & Economics, and the College of Arts and Sciences.
DRIVEN BY LEARNING
The faculty is young, brilliant and approachable. They are one of the most enjoyable aspects of Memphis Law. When you actually look forward to going to class, you know something special is happening.

Christopher Tutor, JD ’14

Academic Curriculum

Our curriculum is set up to help you excel in a particular specialty or interest, or gain excellent general legal expertise.

• FIRST YEAR – A focus on core foundational courses.
• SECOND & THIRD YEAR – Greater flexibility & smaller number of required courses.
  • Four courses from “statutory” and “practice foundation” course menus, with writing and “skills” requirements. Includes ample time to pursue specializations and opportunities to enroll in one of our highly regarded Legal Clinics or externships.
Memphis Law offers an outstanding legal education, emphasizing the analytical skills, ethical responsibility, legal doctrine and theory, along with research, writing and oral advocacy skills, needed to craft a successful future attorney. Our curriculum goes beyond a core legal education, with an emphasis on fundamental lawyering skills, hands-on learning opportunities such as advocacy competitions and externship and clinical courses, as well as community partnerships and programs throughout the city. Dedicated academic advising and a bar exam preparatory course also keep you on the path to success.
80% Upper Division Courses with enrollment under 25 Students

60 Typical first-year section size

115 areas of expertise represented by Memphis Law faculty

23% of our faculty have Endowed Professorships or Chairs

100+ law students placed in legal externships last year

12:1 Faculty-to-Student Ratio

Legal Methods Program with four full-time faculty members devoted to giving students the best tools to succeed in practice

Bar preparation resources and coursework designed specifically for students

Healthy Homes Partnership with Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital

iHeLP Policy Lab: ACE Initiative

Medical-Legal Partnership with Le Bonheur and Memphis Area Legal Services

Green and Healthy Homes Partnership
Our Experiential Learning Program allows our students to not only get hands-on experience in a variety of real-world settings, it also utilizes our strong connections with the Mid-South community to help make Memphis an even better place. From students working with the city to remove blighted properties throughout Memphis, to partnerships that allow children and families to find legal solutions to medical problems, and even a policy lab where students directly examine and influence the law itself, Memphis Law is invested in broadening your experience while making the city a better place.

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DRIVEN BY EXPERIENCE

Student attorneys in the Neighborhood Preservation Clinic filed 60+ new lawsuits and represented the City of Memphis in 550+ cases in Shelby County Environmental Court.

40 appeals presided over by students in the Housing Adjudication Clinic in 2016-17.

Students in the Children’s Defense Clinic appeared at 40+ hearings and provided 2000 hours of direct representation to 28 children in juvenile court.

Recently launched Health Law Policy Lab focusing on Adverse Childhood Experiences.

25 cases handled by students in the Child & Family Litigation Clinic on behalf of children in Memphis.

9,000+ pro bono service hours completed by Memphis Law students last year.

112 cases handled by students in the Elder Law Clinic in 2016-17.

155+ clients assisted last year by students as part of our Public Action Law Society’s (PALS) Alternative Spring Break program.

100+ federal tax returns filed by students in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in 2017.

StreetLaw program sends students to multiple inner-city Memphis schools.

Memphis Law’s Strategic Code Enforcement Academy provides training and assistance to code enforcement officers across the U.S.
Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) Clinic

MLP students represented children and families in 50+ cases last year in all manner of courtrooms, hearings, councils and environments, such as:

- Shelby County General Sessions
- Shelby County Probate Court
- Juvenile Court
- Social Security Administration
- Shelby County Schools IEP meetings
DRIVEN BY DIVERSITY
Memphis is very vibrant and has a diverse culture, just like the law school. I love the way that so many people can come together to work towards having a better city for the future.

Jayniece Higgins, JD ’14

The most diverse law school in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi

Memphis Law has been nationally recognized for its diversity efforts, which is appropriate in a diverse city like Memphis, which has been recognized as having the MOST diverse workforce amongst U.S. cities in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.
DRIVEN BY DIVERSITY

Our 300+ students come from 86 different undergraduate institutions across the nation.

Most Diverse Law School in Tennessee, Arkansas & Mississippi

Our students come from 24% private undergraduate institutions and 76% public undergraduate institutions.

*Data from Classes 2014-16
Awarded the INSIGHT into Diversity Magazine 2015 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award. One of only five law schools in the country to receive this award.

Top 5
Best Regional Law Schools for Black Students per Lawyers of Color Magazine

CLEO Award
Memphis Law was recognized by the Council on Legal Education Opportunity for access and diversity efforts

Ranked as a Best Bargain Law School for Black Students by Lawyers of Color Magazine

Lawyers of Color Magazine recognized Prof. Alena Allen as one of the 50 Under 50 most influential minority law professors in the country

TIP Program
Unique admission by performance program for Tennessee and border county residents who are from diverse backgrounds and circumstances

11 Scholarships with a diversity preference

A SUCCESSFUL HISTORY OF DIVERSITY

- The Hon. Bernice B. Donald (JD ’79) - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- Gregory Duckett (JD ’85) - Senior Vice President & Corporate Counsel, Baptist Memorial Health Care
- Edward Stanton, III (JD ’97) - Former U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee

SPECIFIC DIVERSITY-RELATED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Association of Women Attorneys (AWA)
- Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
- Christian Legal Society
- Hispanic Law Student Association (HLSA)
- International Law Students Association (ILSA)
- OutLaw (focusing on LGBT issues)
Rep. Steve Cohen (JD ’73) with Former President Barack Obama in the Oval Office

DRIVEN BY SUCCESS
I am proud that so many Memphis Law grads have risen to the top of their fields at so many law firms, businesses and government positions across the nation.

Jim Strickland, JD ’89
Mayor, City of Memphis and Memphis Law graduate

Our alumni network spreads throughout the country, with successful graduates working in an astonishing number of fields, sectors, concentrations and industries. This network of success is just one of the tools given to Memphis Law students and graduates. We’ve been successfully training new attorneys for over 50 years, and we’re excited to help you on your road to future legal success as well.
DRIVEN BY SUCCESS

Two of the five Justices of the Tennessee Supreme Court are Memphis Law alumni.

Both currently sitting U.S. Congressmen, the City of Memphis Mayor, & the Shelby County District Attorney and Public Defender are all Memphis Law alumni.

6% average rate at which Memphis Law grads exceed the TN state bar passage over past 10 years.

The 3 biggest law firms in Memphis have 35 partners/shareholders that are Memphis Law alumni.

90% of Memphis Law graduates are employed within 10 months of graduation.

48 states with practicing Memphis Law alumni.

29% of those graduates are employed in the public sector.

25% of trial judges in Tennessee are Memphis Law alumni.

54% of those graduates are employed at law firms.

7% of the most recent graduating class received federal judicial clerkships after graduation.

75th in the U.S. for full-time, long-term, bar-passage required employment.

* Employment statistics are averages from classes from 2014-2016.
DRIVEN BY VALUE
Memphis has all the amenities that come with being the 25th-largest city in the U.S. but with a cost of living nearly 14 percent below the national average.

We’ve been a tremendous value in legal education for years, but with consistent “Best Value” rankings from preLaw magazine and the National Jurist ever since they have started compiling their rankings, the secret is getting out. One of the most attractive features of life in Memphis is the area’s remarkably low cost of living. From the price of a night out on Beale Street to the low cost of a downtown apartment, daily life in Memphis simply takes a smaller bite out of your wallet.
DRIVEN BY VALUE

Listed as a **Best Value law school** by preLaw magazine

**Most Affordable law school** in Tennessee

- **11** Diversity-related scholarships
- **50+** Scholarships for non-residents awarded in 2016

**7th least expensive law school** in all 50 states for non-residents

**2nd**

Forbes recognized Memphis as **America’s second most affordable city** in the U.S.

**35+** Endowed Scholarships available for students

**20th**

Lowest in-state tuition in the nation

Memphis has a cost of living that is **14% below the national average**

**Low Debt**

Memphis Law average debt per student is 38th lowest out of 200+ law schools
The 250-R program allows students in a 250-mile radius of Memphis Law to pay even less than our already low out-of-state tuition rate.

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Memphis is the global capital of soul. And that soul is not just in the music, it’s in the people.

Justin Timberlake
Entertainer and Memphis Native

Memphis is authentic. There’s just something about it that draws people in. It’s made up of people who are driven, creative and passionate about the Bluff City itself. Whether it’s the “Grit & Grind” nature of Memphians that our NBA Memphis Grizzlies embody or our thriving historic downtown and resurgent neighborhoods throughout the city, Memphis is quickly being recognized by the rest of the country as the place to be. It’s a place where you can trace the roots of your favorite blues, soul and rock ‘n’ roll songs—and then hear who’s making musical history here today. It’s a city where BBQ is a way of life—and innovative and award-winning culinary trends are developed. Memphis is a place where history was made—and where you can stand in the same spots where musical legends and civil rights leaders made their mark. Memphis is like nowhere else.
DRIVEN BY MEMPHIS

- Sun Studios
- Hattiloo Theatre
- Memphis Botanic Garden
- Dixon Gallery and Gardens
- Playhouse on the Square
- National Civil Rights Museum
- Memphs Brooks Museum of Art
- The Orpheum
- Stax Museum
- Levitt Shell
- The Most Happiest City for Job Seeking College Grads ranked by Forbes
- The Next Hot Southern City named by Travel+Leisure Magazine
- Top 10 City for Job Seekers – USA Today
- The 6th Most Affordable City in America ranked by Forbes
- 25th largest city with metro area of 1.13 million
Most Improved city for cycling by Bicycling Magazine

Named in the Top 50 Most Walkable Cities in America by Redfin

Top 25 City Where Millennials are Moving – TIME magazine

15th Emerging Downtowns in U.S. on Forbes

Top 4 Market for Millennials with the right Live/Work/Play environment by The Wall Street Journal

Get Moving The city of Memphis is home to 167 parks totaling 3,219 acres. In Overton Park, in the center of the city, you can golf, walk through the Old Forest, play soccer or football on the giant field or play on the playground. Shelby Farms Park, the second largest urban park in the nation, offers paved and unpaved trails, horseback riding, playgrounds and paddle boats. Downtown at Tom Lee Park, you can work out at the River Fit fitness course and get in shape right on the bluff of Mississippi River.

Memphis has more than 60 miles of bike lanes across the city. Whether you’re using them for fun or for commuting, we’ve got lanes in five different neighborhoods. The new Big River Crossing is the world’s longest active rail/bicycle/pedestrian bridge connecting downtown Memphis with The Big River Parkway.
DRIVEN BY YOU
THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

☐ Application (Required)
The application may be accessed through LSAC. Be sure to complete all questions accurately. Include your name and LSAC account number on any addenda. The priority application deadline is March 15.

☐ Credential Assembly Service (CAS) (Required)
Applicants for the next entering class must have an LSAT score that is current and taken within the last 64 months. LSAC will not release a CAS report until they receive an original transcript from every undergraduate institution you have attended, including summer sessions and study abroad programs. It is the applicant’s responsibility to monitor the status of his/her LSAC account.

☐ Personal Statement (Required)
Each applicant is required to submit a personal statement. This statement provides the opportunity to describe your background and any unique experiences, characteristics or circumstances you want the admissions committee to consider. You should explain your desire to study law, why you believe you will be a successful law student, and what you plan to do with your law degree. You are encouraged to explain your interest in attending our law school and may discuss any information not otherwise apparent from your application, including family members who are graduates of the University of Memphis School of Law. Limit your personal statement to no more than 1,000 words.

☐ Admonitory Action Explanation (If Applicable)

☐ Letters of Recommendation/Evaluations (Optional)
Applicants are encouraged to submit up to three letters of recommendation addressing their potential for academic success. When possible, letters should come from professors if you are currently in college or have recently graduated. The letters should be sent to LSAC to be included with your CAS report. If a file is complete by March 15, file review will not be delayed if letters have not been received.

☐ TIP Statement (Required for all TIP applicants)
If eligible, apply for the Tennessee Institute for Pre-Law (TIP), an “admission by performance” program for Tennessee 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, visit memphis.edu/law/about/tip.php.

Decision Timeline (September–April)
Our online application is available through LSAC. Applicants to the University of Memphis School of Law will receive an email with a link to our website and a code to establish an account to check the status of their application. Henceforth, the applicant can check their application status online. Applicants will also receive an email once the application is complete. Once a decision is rendered, the online status will read: decision rendered. Final decisions are mailed to the applicant’s local address. Most decisions are made between January and April.

After admitted, a seat deposit of $250 is due by mid-April or two weeks after notice of admission, whichever is the later date.
FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

☐ Apply for an FSA ID at https://fsaid.ed.gov

☐ Complete the FAFSA at https://fafsa.ed.gov, available October 1 for the next academic year

☐ Use prior year’s income tax. For example, the 2018-2019 FAFSA will require 2016 income tax information

☐ List the University of Memphis’ 6-digit federal school code: 003509

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