

# COMMONWEALTH LAW SCHOOL - 2016 Standard 509 Information Report

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## The Basics

Type of school	PRIVATE
Term	Semester
Application deadline	5/1/2017
Application fee	\$ 60
Financial aid deadline	4/1/2017
Can first year start other than fall?	No

## GPA and LSAT Scores (calendar year\*\*)

	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time
# of apps	535	453	82
# of offers	362	310	52
# of matriculants	107	80	27
75th Percentile GPA	3.45	3.40	3.52
50th Percentile GPA	3.13	3.12	3.32
25th Percentile GPA	2.87	2.87	2.91
# not incl. in GPA percentile calc.	2.00	0.00	2.00
75th Percentile LSAT	150	149	154
50th Percentile LSAT	148	147	149
25 Percentile LSAT	145	145	145
# not incl. in LSAT percentile calc.	1	0	1

## Tuition and Fees (academic year\*)

	Resident	Non-Resident
Full-Time	\$ 43,258	\$ 43,258
Part-Time	\$ 30,316	\$ 30,316
Tuition Guarantee Program		No

## Living Expenses (academic year\*)

Estimated Living Expenses for singles

Living on Campus	\$ 0
Living Off Campus	\$ 21,628
Living at Home	\$ 13,978

## Grants and Scholarships (prior academic year\*)

	Total		Full-Time		Part-Time	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total # of students	204	100	137	67.2	67	32.8
Total # receiving grants	156	76.5	114	83.2	42	62.7
Less than 1/2 tuition	135	66.2	94	68.6	41	61.2
Half to full tuition	20	9.8	19	13.9	1	1.5
Full tuition	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than full tuition	1	0.5	1	0.7	0	0
75th Percentile grant amount			\$ 19,000		\$ 7,500	
50th Percentile grant amount			\$ 10,000		\$ 5,000	
25th Percentile grant amount			\$ 5,000		\$ 3,000	

## Conditional Scholarships

The school does not award scholarships that may be reduced or eliminated based on law school academic performance other than failure to maintain good academic standing. Therefore, the school does not complete a 'conditional scholarship retention chart.'

## J.D. Enrollment and Ethnicity (academic year\*)

	Men		Women		Other		Full-Time		Part-Time		First - Year		Total		J.D. Deg Awd
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Hispanics of any race	8	6.4	4	3.7	0	0	11	6.7	1	1.4	10	9.3	12	5.2	6
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0.8	2	1.9	0	0	2	1.2	1	1.4	2	1.9	3	1.3	1
Asian	3	2.4	3	2.8	0	0	5	3	1	1.4	5	4.7	6	2.6	2
Black or African American	10	8	8	7.4	0	0	13	7.9	5	7.2	8	7.5	18	7.7	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two or more races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total Minority	22	17.6	17	15.7	0	0	31	18.9	8	11.6	25	23.4	39	16.7	13
White	98	78.4	89	82.4	0	0	129	78.7	58	84.1	79	73.8	187	80.3	39
Nonresident Alien	1	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.4	0	0	1	0.4	0
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	4	3.2	2	1.9	0	0	4	2.4	2	2.9	3	2.8	6	2.6	1
Total	125	53.6	108	46.4	0	0	164	70.4	69	29.6	107	45.9	233	100	53



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### Curriculum (prior academic year\*)

Typical first-year section size	29
# of classroom course titles beyond first-year curriculum	60
# of upper division classroom course sections	
Under 25	51
25 - 49	16
50 - 74	0
75 - 99	0
100+	0
# of positions available in simulation courses	193
# of simulation positions filled	136
# of seminar positions filled	41
# of law clinics	1
# of seats available in the law clinics identified in sub-part (i) above	46
# of seats filled in the law clinics identified in sub-part (i) above	21
# of field placement positions filled	19
# of students who enrolled in independent study	16
# of students who participated in law journals	60
# of students who participated in interschool skills competitions	24

### Faculty and Administrators (calendar year\*\*)

	Total		Men		Women		Other		Minorities	
	Spr	Fall	Spr	Fall	Spr	Fall	Spr	Fall	Spr	Fall
Full-Time	12	13	5	5	7	8	0	0	2	2
Deans, librarians & others who teach	6	6	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	0
Part-Time	18	18	10	13	8	5	0	0	1	0
	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

### J.D. Attrition (prior academic year\*)

	Academic	Transfer	Other	Total	
	#	#	#	#	%
1st year	13	0	3	16	24.2
2nd year	2	0	2	4	5.8
3rd year	0	0	0	0	0
4th year	0	0	0	0	0

### Transfers (prior academic year\*)

#### Transfers In

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See Appendix for list of schools from which students transferred	

#### Transfers Out

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### Bar Passage Rates (February and July 2015)

#### First Time Takers: 73

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State %	Diff. %
Pennsylvania	65	50	76.92	76.62	0.30
New Jersey	4	3	75.00	71.27	3.73
	<b>Reporting %</b>	<b>Avg. School Pass %</b>	<b>Avg. State Pass %</b>	<b>Avg. Pass Diff. %</b>	
	94.52	76.81	76.31	0.50	

### Bar Passage Rates (February and July 2014)

#### First Time Takers: 116

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State %	Diff. %
Pennsylvania	95	77	81.05	80.85	0.20
	<b>Reporting %</b>	<b>Avg. School Pass %</b>	<b>Avg. State Pass %</b>	<b>Avg. Pass Diff. %</b>	
	81.90	81.05	80.85	0.20	

### Bar Passage Rates (February and July 2013)

#### First Time Takers: 116

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State %	Diff. %
Pennsylvania	93	76	81.72	81.26	0.46
Maryland	9	9	100.00	80.60	19.40
	<b>Reporting %</b>	<b>Avg. School Pass %</b>	<b>Avg. State Pass %</b>	<b>Avg. Pass Diff. %</b>	
	87.93	83.33	81.20	2.13	

\* "Academic year" refers to the 2016 - 2017 academic year. \*\* "Calendar year" refers to the 2016 calendar year.