A MESSAGE FROM DEAN AVIVA ABRAMOVSKY

Becoming a lawyer is not easy. Choosing a law school can be hard. But you’ll know in your heart when you’ve found the right fit. I have found it here at UB.

When I first arrived in Buffalo in the summer of 2017, I immediately recognized the rich sense of community and genuine camaraderie that makes up the fabric of Western New York.

I have been excited to be part of a diverse and vibrant campus where all students are encouraged to think big, to express themselves creatively, and to pursue their education with purpose and with passion, knowing that they can affect the world around them.

There is no better place to pursue your legal education than at UB School of Law. Whether you plan to conquer the courtroom, close major real estate deals or advocate for low-income clients, here you will learn to be a skilled litigator, a strong negotiator, and a champion for justice.

As I continue my journey as dean of this law school, I invite you to begin your journey with me.

Sincerely,

Aviva Abramovsky
CLASS OF 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

153
MEDIAN LSAT
150–156
25th - 75th Percentile

3.41
MEDIAN UGPA
3.15–3.63
25th - 75th Percentile

152
STUDENTS ENROLLED
IN THE CLASS OF 2021

26%
ETHNIC DIVERSITY
INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

$25,410*
IN-STATE

$29,500*
OUT-OF-STATE

82%
INCOMING STUDENTS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS

* Does not include fees and additional expenses.
New members of the law school community celebrate at Orientation.
The First Year

BE Transformed

Our students enjoy small classes and individualized attention.
From the start, you will acquire the skills you’ll need in a profession like no other

You stand at the threshold of a life-changing experience that will transform your thinking and open new worlds of opportunity.


Don’t worry – we’ve got you covered.

You’ll find here a collegial environment that brings out the best in you and those on the journey with you. Many students make lifelong friendships here that nourish their careers as well. Your professors and the law school staff make it their mission to help you succeed, whether it’s wrestling after class with a difficult point or helping to set up your daily schedule.

In your first year at UB School of Law, you will start to think like a lawyer, with small classes and one-on-one coaching through our Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (LA WR) program. And you’ll be challenged by world-class legal training in doctrinal courses that continually evolve to stay relevant to what lawyers actually do in practice.

Here you will also gain the global perspective that’s increasingly vital in today’s legal world. UB School of Law is well-known for faculty who bring their expertise in other academic disciplines – from anthropology to zoology – to the study of law, giving you an interdisciplinary as well as an international and multicultural lens for understanding the way law works in the real world.

And even in the first year, you’ll find opportunities to go boldly into this new future by being part of student organizations as diverse as our student body. You will also begin to meet and network with our highly engaged alumni who will help you gain a foothold in the legal community.

Like all important work, that first year is a challenging one. But you’ll come out of it with the confidence that you’re on your way to making a difference in the community, the nation and the world.

Professor James Milles welcomes students to his Legal Ethics class.
Here is how you’ll succeed from day one

As the law school’s vice dean for academic affairs, Professor S. Todd Brown does a lot of deep thinking about top-quality legal education.

“The law and the legal profession are ever-changing,” he says, “and UB’s curriculum reflects those changes.” But it’s not all about what’s on the course schedule. It’s also about making your first year the best it can be. That’s why the faculty have taken a series of steps to make sure that you succeed from Day One.

It starts with our cutting-edge Legal Analysis, Writing and Research program, two semesters of intensive instruction in the tools that lawyers use every day. An emphasis on the basics early in the first year – organizing your thoughts, crafting a killer argument, writing clearly and persuasively – means that you can build on those skills faster in every course you take.

Two initiatives also provide plenty of hands-on help.

Teaching assistants are assigned to classes – typically students who already excelled in the class and are ready to share their knowledge.

The other is a student advisement program. You’ll be assigned a faculty adviser with whom you’ll meet at least four times over the year, checking in on how it’s going, helping to plan your classes, and guiding you as you look to your future as a legal professional.

Says Brown, “In Buffalo, we don’t leave you on your own.”

EXPLORE YOUR INTERESTS

Our diverse clubs, associations, societies, boards and activities provide students an opportunity to contribute time and talent in ways that are both personally and professionally gratifying. Participation becomes a vital avenue of self-expression and socializing.

Here are some of the ways you can get involved outside the classroom:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Buffalo Environmental Law Society
- Buffalo Moot Court Board
- Buffalo Public Interest Law Program
- Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Domestic Violence Task Force
- Family and Children’s Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Finance and Law Society
- Frederick Douglass Moot Court Board
- Future Advocates in Training
- Holistic Law Group
- Jessup International Moot Court Board
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Latin American Law Students Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- OUTlaw
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Philosophy and Law Society
- Student Bar Association
- Trial Advocacy Group
- Women of UB School of Law
Honing his legal mind

Even as a freshman at Cleveland State University, Brandon Lê was drawn to the law – particularly the way it invited high-level critical thinking about important issues. It was when he spent part of that summer in UB’s intensive Discover Law program, though, that the idea of going to law school really crystallized for him.

“That was a great opportunity for me to get a snapshot of what law school is like,” Lê says. “That one month of courses really changed the way I approached my undergraduate career and changed the trajectory of what I wanted to do after college.”

A Western New York native with an eye on eventually practicing here, he chose UB School of Law partly for its terrific alumni connections. Those connections have already paid off – after Lê’s first year of law school, a UB Law alum and federal Court of Appeals judge hired him for one of four prestigious summer internships.

“My first summer as a law clerk gave me the tools to approach legal problems with a more critical eye, and provided clarity and precision to the way I work,” Lê says. “The opportunity to do so under the guidance of a federal court judge has been life-changing.”
Here is how to be part of a city ever on the rise.

Everything you could want, close to everywhere:
By bus, train, car or air, you’re less than 90 minutes away from some of North America’s most exciting cities, including Toronto, New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.
NINE FUN FACTS ABOUT BUFFALO

1. **Giant silos**—Once they transformed the global grain market. Now Silo City attracts art shows, pop-up dinners and fans of really big things.

2. **Bikes and more bikes**—By commute or Slow Roll, cyclists rule 300+ miles of lanes, paths and frozen canals. (Yes, ice bikes are a thing here.)

3. **Amazing architecture**—The muse of America’s great planners and architects, Buffalo is practically the Greatest Hits of Cities.

4. **Lively living**—From Allentown to the Elmwood Village, Buffalo is also the City of Good Neighborhoods.

5. **The waterfront**—In Buffalo, “the lake effect” means four full seasons of waterfront festivals and cultural events.

6. **Foodie heaven**—Grown, brewed or baked right here, or imported via dozens of immigrant communities, Buffalo cuisine is way more than wings.


8. **History everywhere**—Workers flocked here. Inventors thrived here. Tycoons got rich here. What are your plans?

9. **New everywhere**—Business incubator 43North is catalyzing dreamers and inspiring doers, helping make Buffalo the next big thing it’s always been.

TRUE BLUE SPIRIT! The NCAA Division I Bulls compete at the highest level of intercollegiate athletics in the prestigious Mid-American Conference.
The Second and Third Years

BE Engaged

Law students conducting environmental research at Woodlawn Beach State Park.
The Second and Third Years

You’ll finish strong, building a knowledge base that will last your whole life

In your second and third years at UB School of Law, it all comes together.

You know how to think like a lawyer. Research like a lawyer. Write like a lawyer.

Now it’s time to engage the world of law with all your passion.

That means taking advantage of some of the ways you can build your skills in specialized programs. Like the New York City Program on Finance and Law, in which you spend an intensive semester in the Big Apple learning the high-stakes world of finance from practitioners on the front lines. Like the Advocacy Institute that focuses instruction in the skills of oral advocacy and mediation invaluable for legal practice in any professional situation. Like externships and judicial externships that enable you to put your newly developed skills into practice helping real people with real legal needs.

You might find your passion in one of our seven dual degree programs, such as Law and Social Work, building your expertise and your marketability at the same time. Or maybe you’ll find yourself drawn to cross-border and international law, another strength of UB School of Law with our location on an international border. Our extensive and flexible curriculum makes it easy to craft a course of study that’s yours alone. And our diverse faculty and student body makes for a lively exchange of ideas, from class discussions to informal debates in the student lounge.

Underlying all of these options is a commitment we all share: to make the law work for those who need it most, and to work for social justice. The American ideal of equal justice under the law, and equal access to that justice for everyone, is present in everything we do. If you’re committed to that noble ideal, we are right there with you.

Kim Diana Connolly, professor & director of clinical legal education, prepares her students for client interviews.
Having grown up in Puerto Rico and attended college there, second-year law student Jonathan Reyes-Colón thought he was stepping into familiar territory when he and nine other students flew into San Juan. But his experience in the Puerto Rico Recovery Assistance Legal Clinic opened his eyes to how many people continue to suffer after Hurricane Maria – and how to help them build resilience.

In the clinic, students delivered humanitarian assistance to remote areas of the island and helped residents with their applications for federal disaster aid. “Forget the paychecks, the titles and positions, and all the perks that come with being a lawyer,” he says. “The true value of what I have chosen to be, and the significance of a career that is dedicated to serving others, lies in small but powerful moments such as the time I spent helping the people.”

Since then, Reyes-Colón has found himself drawn to the question of how communities can build the strength to withstand future disasters and improve their everyday quality of life. He has embarked on a major research project, looking at a model called Casa Pueblo. In this arrangement, a house at the hub of a community provides human services, coordinates aid efforts, even operates a solar-powered grocery story and barbershop.

“I’m studying this model as a solution to what communities are going through,” he says. “It’s about handing the tools to the people.”

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Melissa Kathan grew up near Rochester and earned her bachelor’s degree (summa cum laude!) at the University at Buffalo. By her second year at UB School of Law, she was ready to expand her experience and her perspective. The solution: a semester in Manhattan, studying and working as part of the law school’s signature New York City Program on Finance & Law. “I really wanted to be exposed to as much as I could,” Kathan says. “We had guest lecturers every day, talking about everything from bitcoins to the trading floor to stocks. I learned so much from experts in the field, most of them UB alums. It was a great experience.”

Two days a week, she also interned at SAG-AFTRA, the primary labor union of the film and broadcast industry. One focus was lobbying at the federal level regarding laws that govern non-compete clauses in industry contracts.

All of it expanded her outlook on the possibilities of a legal career – as did what came next. Back in Buffalo, she advocated for cancer patients in a wide variety of legal issues as a student attorney in the law school’s Health Justice Clinic, then worked as a summer associate in the city’s largest law firm, Hodgson Russ.

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Big learning in the Big Apple
Here is how you will distinguish yourself in the marketplace

Selecting one of eight optional curricular concentrations and programs will deepen your understanding of the work lawyers do and train you how to approach complex legal problems. You will be equipped to work on major problems and transactions from the start of your legal career.

Completion of the requirements of a concentration or program will distinguish you as someone with an unusual level of knowledge and mastery in your field.

CONCENTRATIONS & PROGRAMS

LAW JOURNALS

LEGAL CENTERS

CURRICULAR CONCENTRATIONS

Concentrations consist of a sequence of required and elective courses selected from a substantial menu of course offerings in the chosen field.

Criminal Law

With a blend of lecture courses, seminars, practice and simulations, students acquire a wide variety of skills in the practical and theoretical aspects of modern criminal law.

Cross-Border Legal Studies

This concentration capitalizes on our border location to provide students with classroom and on-the-ground exposure to a wide range of cross-border legal issues including those relating to international business transactions, immigration, international trade and tax. Students choose four courses from a wide variety of offerings, and also complete a capstone experiential course which pairs them with local alumni to gain experience in cross-border legal work.

Family Law

The concentration in family law introduces students to the breadth of family law with three required courses: Family Law, Domestic Violence Law, and Children and the Law. Through additional elective courses and practice experiences, students round out their education in the family law area. The final writing project provides students with an opportunity to explore more deeply an issue in family law under the guidance of faculty.

Intellectual Property Law

The law is evolving to address rapid changes in technology, from computers and e-commerce to copyright, trademark and patents. In this concentration, students examine issues of ownership, use and control of technological innovations, information and knowledge.
International Law

Lawyers must understand and interpret events in countries that may have different legal systems. This concentration prepares students for careers in private or public international law. Traveling seminars offer students the opportunity to observe foreign legal systems in their native setting under expert faculty guidance. International externships are also available.

Sports & Entertainment Law

This program takes advantage of the many offerings in our sports and entertainment law curriculum, ranging from broad survey courses to a hands-on mock NHL arbitration seminar and externship opportunities with local college athletic departments. Students research issues in sports law and contribute articles to the UB Law Sports & Entertainment Forum blog, which serves as an online community for students and alumni who share an interest in these fields. Our vibrant Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Law Society (BELS) supports a variety of extracurricular activities throughout the year.

Environmental Law

This program prepares students for environmental law practice, whether advocating for a public interest group, a corporate client, a government agency or a private citizen. Beginning with a series of core courses taught by a combination of academic and practitioner experts, students may also enroll in skills courses, cutting-edge seminars and the Environmental Law & Policy Clinic, and graduate with the skills to apply legal principles and techniques in the environmental law marketplace.

Finance and Development

This program offers students the opportunity to focus on finance and the role of lawyers in business transactions, including courses with a particular focus on economic, commercial and residential development. The program provides a valuable foundation for students seeking to pursue careers not just in what is traditionally called corporate law, but equally importantly in a wide range of related practice areas including financial services; regulation and compliance; and private or nonprofit development.

LAW JOURNALS

The School of Law’s wide array of scholarly law journals provides students with the opportunity to develop research and writing skills and make important contributions to legal scholarship.

- Buffalo Environmental Law Journal
- Buffalo Human Rights Law Review
- Buffalo Intellectual Property Law Journal
- Buffalo Law Review
- Buffalo Public Interest Law Journal

CENTERS

- Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy
- Buddhism Law and Society Center
- Buffalo Criminal Law Center
- Buffalo Human Rights Center
- Cross-Border Legal Studies Center
- Economic Justice Studies Project
- Edwin F. Jaeckle Center for Law, Democracy and Governance
Here is how you will learn from experience

The Advocacy Institute and our extensive Clinical Legal Education Program will give you an opportunity to develop and sharpen your practical legal skills through the guidance of distinguished members of the local bar and bench.

### CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION

Our clinics offer diverse and sophisticated practice opportunities to upper-class and LL.M. students working closely with skilled supervising attorneys. Our clinical offerings involve cutting-edge issues and complex matters in which creativity and innovation play key roles in serving clients effectively.

- Animal Law
- Civil Liberties and Transparency
- Community Justice
- Environmental Advocacy
- Family Violence & Women’s Rights
- Health Justice
- Mediation
- Puerto Rico Recovery Assistance

### ADVOCACY INSTITUTE

In popular Trial Technique classes, students prepare and try a civil or criminal case under the tutelage of highly experienced trial lawyers. For the Appellate Advocacy segment, all students begin their training during the Legal Analysis, Writing and Research Program. After extensive preparation, they make a formal appellate argument before a panel of judges.

UB School of Law hosts three national competitions – the Buffalo Niagara Mock Trial Competition, one of the largest in the nation; the Herbert J. Wechsler National Criminal Moot Court Competition; and the Albert R. Mugel National Tax Moot Court Competition – as well as the intramural Charles S. Desmond Moot Court Competition.

Students also compete in Alternative Dispute Resolution competitions, in the increasingly important areas of mediation and arbitration, as well as on teams that compete in national mediation competitions, and in an annual in-house mediation competition.
The Second and Third Years

EXTERNSHIPS AND JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Law students work for academic credit in a variety of government and nonprofit organizations. Options include judicial externships, legislative externships, and other non-profit and government work. Most are in Western New York, but the option to arrange summer externships means students have worked in Rochester, Philadelphia, New York City, Chicago, Seattle and overseas.

PRACTICA

Practicum courses combine study of a substantive area under a full-time professor with service learning alongside practicing lawyers. These four-credit courses are based on 120 hours of in-field work (about 10 hours a week) assisting and observing practicing attorneys. Students also complete weekly classroom work exploring the substantive law in depth and reflecting on the process of becoming an attorney.

- Criminal Law
- Pro Se Civil Litigation Support
- Veterans Legal Assistance

PRO BONO SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Students are required to perform 50 hours of pro bono legal service as a prerequisite to admission to the New York State bar. Our highly competitive Pro Bono Scholars Program gives select third-year law students the opportunity to take the New York State Bar Exam in February before they graduate. They then work full time in a pro bono placement during their final semester of law school, where they explore access to justice issues while developing their lawyering skills and fulfilling their service requirement.
A SEMESTER-LONG NEW YORK CITY PROGRAM ON FINANCE AND LAW

Taking advantage of easy access to New York City, students from the School of Law and the School of Management, including those in the joint J.D./MBA program and the Advanced Standing Two-Year J.D. program, can spend a semester living in New York while studying finance and law. Courses are taught by professors from both schools. Students also benefit from presentations and case studies by UB School of Law alumni and other practitioners from major firms and corporations. In addition, students participate in semester-long team projects, working with executives from top financial institutions and law firms.
Here is how you earn a J.D. with more ROI and less IOU

CAREER SERVICES
Our graduates are practicing in the most prominent law firms and public interest settings across the nation and around the world, as well as holding leadership positions in all levels of government, and our Career Services Office helps them get there.

Transitioning to Practice
Career guidance services include resume, cover letter and interview workshops, practice interviews, career panels, and individual coaching.

Mentoring Programs
Our wide-ranging mentoring program has drawn national attention in National Jurist Magazine. Each member of the J.D. first-year class is matched with one of more than 200 mentors who are practicing lawyers or judges, and the relationship is expected to continue throughout their law school years. The National Career Network Program gives second- and third-year students access to an extensive national and international network of alumni geared toward career development.

A Focus on Public Interest
As part of a public law school, our faculty and students value government and public interest work. Each year, our graduates are employed in public interest and government organizations at a rate that is two to three times the national average. Each summer UB School of Law’s Buffalo Public Interest Law Program, along with other organizations and sponsors, provides substantial stipends to exceptionally qualified and committed students who will intern at highly regarded organizations in the public sector.
With alumni connections and new-found confidence, you’re poised to be the best

Your connection with the University at Buffalo School of Law doesn’t end at graduation. Our alumni are fiercely loyal to their alma mater, and they want to stay connected—both to the law school and to new alums making their way in the legal world.

That means you can expect guidance, mentorship and connection with some of the best lawyers you could ever hope to meet. They will help you find your place, whether it’s in the Western New York legal community, in New York City, Washington, D.C., or abroad, and whether your passion is for non-profits, for corporate work or for the courtroom.

We are proud of our extraordinary alumni, who are thought leaders in so many areas of public concern, as well as prominent leaders in the area and state legal communities.

We’re proud that our relatively low tuition and generous scholarship support mean that you will graduate without crippling law school debt. That makes it possible to pursue your passion— you won’t be boxed into chasing lucrative corporate positions because of those monthly payments that amount to a mortgage, but without the house.

A life in the law can be immensely gratifying. Lawyers earn a good living and they have career flexibility, including the freedom to serve their community in volunteer positions. And increasingly, the legal profession is recognizing the need for a healthy balance between work and family.

Just maybe that life is for you.
5 WAYS ALUMNI WILL HELP YOU LAUNCH YOUR CAREER

1. **A community partnership.** UB School of Law graduates make up more than 87% of all attorneys in the surrounding county, and they have an active role in your law school experience. They teach skills-based classes, coach trial teams, and participate on career panels and at student events to connect you from the start with the Western New York legal community.

2. **An extensive global network.** Our alumni network extends around the world with more than 11,500 graduates who work at firms and agencies in Buffalo, Tokyo, New York City, Washington, D.C. and other major cities around the globe. You’ll find a UB connection wherever you choose to begin your legal career.

3. **Watch and learn.** With close proximity to the downtown courts and major law firms, you’ll have plenty of opportunities to learn from the best. Shadow an alum for a day, or sit in on a case and watch our graduates in action.

4. **Meet your match.** Every law student is matched with an attorney mentor who will guide you along the way as you prepare for your future as a legal professional. From what to wear at your first interview to what to expect at your first deposition, your mentor will answer those questions you might not ask in the classroom.

5. **Guidance from the GOLD Group.** Our Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Group takes a special interest in our newly minted alumni, helping you bridge the gap between school and practice. The GOLD Group organizes social, educational and networking events designed to give you every advantage as you enter your new profession.

Students are welcomed to Washington by our D.C. Alumni Chapter.

Our mock interview program in Manhattan led by our New York City Alumni Chapter.

Alumni and incoming students network at the Law Alumni Association’s Welcome Party in Buffalo.
DEGREE PROGRAMS

Juris Doctor Degree

The Juris Doctor is the basic U.S. law degree, and is held by the vast majority of practicing U.S. lawyers, as well as business people, policy makers, academics and people in other walks of life. A comprehensive range of optional programs and concentrations will distinguish you in the global marketplace.

DUAL DEGREES

Many of our students simultaneously pursue both the J.D. degree and a Ph.D or master’s degree. There are several advantages. First is the opportunity to acquire a broad understanding of the functions of law in society by integrating different disciplinary perspectives.

Second, students can count some courses toward both programs and reduce the total time required to earn both degrees by up to a year.

- Law and Management (J.D./MBA)
- Law and Social Work (J.D./MSW)
- Law and Applied Economics (J.D./MA)
- Law and Ph.D
- Law and Doctor of Pharmacy (J.D./PharmD)
- Law and Urban Planning (J.D./MUP)
- Law and Legal Information Management and Analysis (J.D./MS)

Advanced Standing Two-Year J.D. for Internationally Trained Lawyers

This innovative program is intended for students who already hold a law degree from a jurisdiction outside the United States, who would like to earn a Juris Doctor degree from the University at Buffalo School of Law, and who want to seek admission to the New York State Bar. You will be a part of the J.D. class but with advanced standing so that you can finish your J.D. degree in just two years.

General LL.M.

The General LL.M. Program allows lawyers who have demonstrated success in their legal education, their practice, or both, to create individualized programs designed to take their careers to the next level. Many General LL.M. students use the degree to satisfy jurisdictional requirements for the admission of foreign-trained lawyers to practice law, including those of the New York Board of Law Examiners.

Criminal Law LL.M.

Building on our strength in the interdisciplinary study of criminal law, we offer one of the only post-professional programs in the United States devoted exclusively to the study of criminal law. Our Criminal Law LL.M. Program has attracted lawyers from all over the world who intend to teach, do policy work, or work as prosecutors or judges in their home jurisdictions.

Cross-Border Legal Studies LL.M.

The Cross-Border Legal Studies LL.M. Program recognizes the global nature of legal practice and the increasing relevance of skilled attorneys who can guide clients through cross-border interactions. Located just 20 minutes from Canada, the US’s largest trading partner, we are uniquely situated to provide students with exposure to cross-border legal issues both inside and outside the classroom. A strong network of alumni on both sides of the border serve as community partners in the program and informal mentors to our LL.M. students.

Environmental Law LL.M.

Recognizing the increased need for lawyers skilled and knowledgeable in the application of legal principles and techniques to environmental and natural resource problems, we offer an Environmental Law LL.M. Program. The program is designed to prepare the next generation of global leaders in environmental scholarship, research and public policy through traditional classroom study, experiential learning opportunities, and one-on-one academic advising.

Dual Degrees

- Law and Management (J.D./MBA)
- Law and Social Work (J.D./MSW)
- Law and Applied Economics (J.D./MA)
- Law and Ph.D
- Law and Doctor of Pharmacy (J.D./PharmD)
- Law and Urban Planning (J.D./MUP)
- Law and Legal Information Management and Analysis (J.D./MS)
GUIDANCE FOR GETTING IN

Our admission process is selective and is based on both quantitative and qualitative criteria. The qualitative criteria we use are:

1. Achievements or activities that indicate a high probability of scholastic excellence and intellectual contributions in law school.

2. Achievements or activities arising from work, life experience or community service that indicate a potential for contributing to the enrichment of the School of Law.

3. Special factors in your background that may have impeded your educational opportunities, including discrimination based on race, religion, gender, disability or national origin; and special economic or social impediments.

Application files are reviewed as soon as they are complete. Initial admission decisions are communicated to applicants throughout the fall and spring semesters depending on the degree program.

Early Decision for the Juris Doctor Program

Applicants who are interested in Early Decision must submit a complete application by Nov. 15. The School of Law will complete the review process by Dec. 15.

Successful Early Decision candidates may not initiate any new law school applications, must decline any acceptances they may have received prior to admission to UB School of Law and must immediately withdraw other applications once notified of their UB School of Law acceptance in December.

UB School of Law is committed to a non-discriminatory admission policy and philosophy. We welcome applications from all persons, without regard to age, gender, race, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, military status or disability.

The Office of Admissions will answer all of your questions about the admissions process.
Schedule a visit— Get a feel for the UB School of Law community by visiting O’Brian Hall. You are welcome to plan an individual visit or attend one of several Open Houses. Schedule online at law.buffalo.edu/admissions/visit.

Ask questions— Questions? Ask away! Give our Office of Admissions a call at 716-645-2907 or email us at law-admissions@buffalo.edu.