J.D. Honors Program

Regent Law’s Honors Program provides additional academic and professional experiences to select entering students and those who have performed near the top of their first-year law school class. As an Honors Program student, you will take classes with other high-performing students and enjoy exceptional in-class engagement. Honors Program students enjoy meaningful opportunities for faculty mentorship, as well as greater curricular flexibility by having fewer required courses during the second and third year.

Program Components

AS A STUDENT IN THE J.D. HONORS PROGRAM, YOU WILL:

- Participate in an Honors-only section of the Foundations of Law course.
- Enjoy a special Honors section of at least one of the other first-year common law doctrinal courses, such as Torts, Contracts, Property, and Civil Procedure.
- Take select upper-level courses in small, Honors-only sections.
- Meet with prominent speakers such as Supreme Court Associate Justice Elena Kagan; The Honorable Leslie H. Southwick, U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals; and Distinguished Professor of Law & Government and former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft.

ALONG WITH ALL REGENT LAW STUDENTS, YOU ALSO MAY:

- Compete on award-winning Moot Court, Negotiation, and Trial Advocacy teams.
- Gain experience through many externship and practical opportunities including internships with the Center for Global Justice.
- Develop practical lawyering skills through a partnership with the American Center for Law and Justice (the nation’s foremost public interest law firm defending religious liberties).

Clerkship and Internship Placements

Honors students have secured prestigious clerkships and internships at state appellate courts and trial courts, various U.S. Attorney’s Offices, the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General’s Corps, the FBI, and private firms and organizations nationwide.

“Regent Law’s writing program particularly taught me one of the most important skills of an attorney: the art of objectivity and persuasion through the use of the pen. Regent also prepared me well for both my state and federal post-graduate judicial clerkships.”

Rebecca Garcia ’19
Law Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

“The intimate setting of the Honors Program provided time to deep dive into the law. Being able to forge and hone my critical thinking and knowledge of the law ultimately assisted me in securing a federal clerkship.”

Ariel Bryant ’19
Clerk, Hon. Robert George Doumar,
U.S. District Court, Eastern District, VA

“Regent Law’s Honors Program gives you what you should want out of law school. You want small classes. You want fellow students who challenge you to do your best. And you want the best professors. The Honors Program at Regent Law gives you these things.”

Andrew Butler ’16
Associate, Jones Day Law Firm, New York, NY
Judicial Clerkships

Regent Law students have been particularly successful in securing highly competitive judicial clerkships. In fact, 51.85% of the Class of 2020 Honors Program graduates secured a judicial clerkship. Judicial clerkships secured by our students to date include:

FEDERAL COURTS:
United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit; United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit; United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit; United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit; United States Court of Federal Claims; United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit; United States District Courts

STATE SUPREME COURTS:
Alabama; Arizona; California; Florida; Hawaii; Kentucky; Michigan; Mississippi; Montana; New Mexico; New York; North Carolina; Texas; Virginia; Washington

How Do I Get into the Honors Program?

Admitted incoming students with an LSAT of 156 and above and other strong academic indicators will be considered for admission to the Honors Program.

Rising second-year students can enter the Honors Program by finishing in the top 25 percent of their class at the end of the first year of law school. All students must maintain a law school GPA of 3.0 to continue in the Honors Program.

See specific criteria for admissions offers to the Honors program at regent.edu/lawhonorsprogram.

Regent Law School

Regent University School of Law offers a rigorous, ABA-approved legal education taught by an internationally recognized faculty deeply committed to students’ success and teaching in the context of a Christian worldview. Our faculty members are professors, practitioners, and legal scholars from some of the nation’s finest schools, including Harvard, University of Virginia, University of Chicago, and Regent.

Providing excellent and principled legal counsel, our 4,465-plus alumni exemplify Regent Law’s commitment to Christian Leadership to Change the World. Regent Law is situated in Virginia Beach, Virginia, minutes from the Atlantic Ocean, less than a two-hour drive from Richmond, and less than four hours from Washington, D.C.

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