

STETSON LAW



PART-TIME JURIS DOCTOR (J.D.) PROGRAM



FULL-TIME QUALITY

Stetson offers a welcoming, supportive and inclusive environment in which students can develop the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the 21st century. We invite you to discover the opportunities that await you at Stetson.

Darby Dickerson (pictured below, center)
Vice President and Dean, Stetson University College of Law
B.A., M.A., College of William and Mary; J.D., Vanderbilt University



FOR 108 YEARS, STETSON HAS PREPARED ASPIRING LAWYERS FOR BRILLIANT CAREERS.

NOW, STETSON'S PART-TIME PROGRAM CAN HELP MAKE YOUR DREAM OF A LEGAL CAREER BECOME REALITY.

Stetson's part-time program is designed primarily for working professionals, or others with full-time commitments during the day, within commuting distance of Tampa Bay who may have delayed or even dismissed the possibility of law school. By taking evening classes at both the Tampa Law Center and the main law campus in Gulfport, students can earn a Juris Doctor degree in as little as four years. After completing five semesters, part-time students meeting certain academic criteria may accelerate their graduation date by transferring into the full-time program.

Stetson has earned a reputation for quality by training students who are among the best prepared in the nation to practice law immediately upon graduation. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Stetson among the top 100 law colleges in the country, first in the nation for trial advocacy and sixth nationally for legal writing. Stetson emphasizes theory as well as practice, and was one of the first law schools to offer clinical training that allows students to represent actual clients and argue real cases in court.

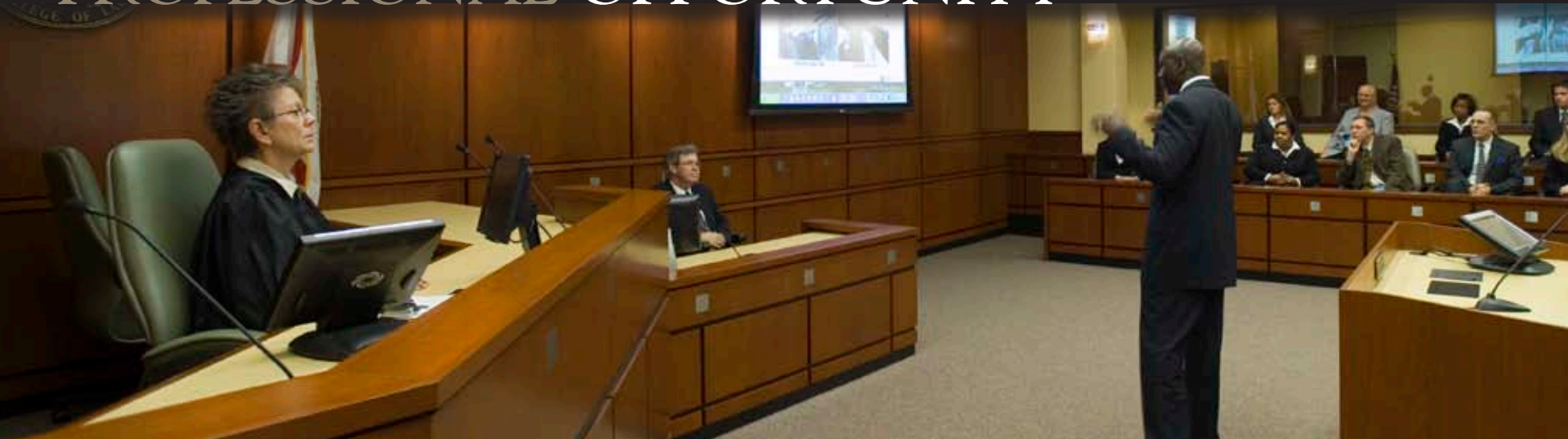
Stetson embraces a culture of success. Few other law schools have professors and staff who care more about students or make themselves more accessible to students, inside and outside the classroom.



Had it not been for Stetson's part-time program, I wouldn't have even entertained the thought of transitioning to a law career at this phase of my life. This non-traditional program is a tremendous benefit to both Stetson's students and the profession of law as a whole.

Darin Richter '08
Johnson, Auvil, Brock & Wilson, P.A.
B.S.E., U.S. Military Academy at West Point;
J.D., Stetson University

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY



Stetson demonstrates their concern for my well being and education on a regular basis. My classes combine practical information with traditional teaching.

Dr. Adam Levine
Third-Year Part-Time Student
B.A., Lehigh University
M.D., Albany Medical College

Stetson is committed to making the part-time law school experience as comparable as possible to the full-time program. Required courses are taught by members of Stetson's full-time faculty. Elective courses are taught by full-time faculty and adjunct professors who are respected members of the bench and bar.

Curriculum

Students must complete 88 credit hours to graduate. The first five semesters will be devoted primarily to completing required core courses, and 22 of these first 36 credit hours are located in Tampa. Most required classes are taken in the first two years (including the first summer session) and are held weekday evenings, generally Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 5:30 and 9:30 p.m. Some semesters, students may also have required classes on Wednesdays. Usually, either one or two evenings in the required curriculum are in Tampa, the others are in Gulfport. The academic year will begin in August 2009. During the final two years,

students take electives and complete the graduation area requirements. Students may select courses from throughout the curriculum, including morning, afternoon or evening courses. Students may take up to 45 total credit hours in Tampa, with the remainder taken at the Gulfport campus.

Areas of Study

Part-time students may take courses in fundamental and specialty areas of law:

- Advocacy and Skills
- Business and Corporate Law
- Criminal Law
- Elder Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- General Civil Law
- Intellectual Property
- International and Comparative Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Property Law and Probate
- Tax Law

Students may specialize their elective curriculum to earn a Certificate of Concentration in advocacy, elder law

or international law. Stetson's dual-degree programs for the J.D./M.B.A. or J.D./M.P.H. are also open to part-time students.

Part-time students can build their leadership skills through a wide variety of extracurricular activities, such as advocacy competition teams, student government and various clubs. Students may work on one of three academic journals at Stetson: the *Journal of International Aging Law and Policy*, the *Journal of International Wildlife Law and Policy*, or the *Stetson Law Review*.

Part-time students have access to all campus offices, and many departments (including the bookstore) offer extended hours past 5 p.m.

Stetson's law libraries are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with a student access card. The Associate Director of Student Life works primarily with part-time students at the Tampa Law Center. Many student organizations hold evening meetings to allow working students to participate.

A special orientation for entering part-time students will be held the weekend before classes begin.

Required Curriculum

Students will be required to take classes at both the Gulfport campus and the Tampa Law Center.

FIRST FALL SEMESTER

Contracts I
Real Property I
Torts

FIRST SPRING SEMESTER

Contracts II
Real Property II
Research and Writing I

FIRST SUMMER SESSION

Criminal Law
Constitutional Law I

SECOND FALL SEMESTER

Civil Procedure
Research and Writing II*

SECOND SPRING SEMESTER

Agency and Unincorporated Organizations
Professional Responsibility
Evidence (*may be taken in a later semester*)

Estimated part-time course load:
7-10 credit hours in fall and spring
5-7 credit hours in summer

Estimated time for completion:
Four years, including summers

(Students who meet certain academic criteria may transfer to the full-time program after their second fall semester to finish in three years, including summer sessions.)

Additional information regarding area requirements, electives and other details is available at www.law.stetson.edu.

* During the semester, Research and Writing II students will be required to deliver four oral arguments outside normally scheduled class time.

STUDENT SUCCESS



I chose Stetson because it has a great reputation. I enjoy learning in a small setting where you can get to know administrators and professors on a personal level.

Bridgette Lester
Third-Year Part-Time Student
B.A., Jacksonville University

International Programs

Many part-time students participate in Stetson's summer abroad programs in Argentina, China, Germany Netherlands, or Spain. Stetson also offers a two-week winter break course in Grand Cayman, as well as an international spring break course. Through these courses, students can earn academic credit in beautiful locales and tour nearby legal and government institutions.

Careers of Distinction

Graduates of Stetson's part-time programs have discovered that their work experience prior to law school can provide a useful advantage in their legal job search. The Office of Career Development supports students and graduates by ensuring that they are equipped with the most effective job search methods and marketing skills.

Stetson connects students with more than 1,000 employment opportunities annually for associate positions and student clerkships, in addition to coordinating on-campus interviews with potential employers and offering individual counseling and résumé review sessions.

With more than 8,000 alumni, Stetson University College of Law has trained prominent attorneys, judges, government officials, business professionals, professors and other leaders for more than a century. Though nearly 75 percent live in Florida, Stetson graduates practice in 48 states, two U.S. territories and 22 foreign countries. In a survey of 2007 Stetson graduates, 93 percent reported that they found employment within nine months of graduation.

2008–09 Part-Time Tuition

Fall 2008 \$10,530.00
Spring 2009 \$10,530.00
Summer 2009 (estimated) . . \$5,290.00

Part-time students are eligible for Federal Stafford and Graduate PLUS Loans.

Admission Requirements

Our part-time students come from diverse backgrounds, cultures, experiences and interests. Nearly one-fourth of students have already earned master's or doctoral degrees in other fields. No one career path or previous course of study is required to enter law school.

Students in the part-time program are required to meet the same rigorous admission and graduation requirements as students in the full-time program.

The deadline for completed applications is March 15, 2009.

As a prerequisite to enrollment, applicants are required to have earned a baccalaureate degree from a college or university that is accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department

of Education. A final, official transcript evidencing the conferral of the degree must be submitted before enrollment.

Results from the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) are required. Test scores are valid three years from the test date. To be considered for Stetson's Fall 2009 entering class, those who have not already taken the LSAT must register for the test offered on Dec. 6, 2008, or Feb. 7, 2009. Contact (215) 968-1001 or visit www.lsac.org to register.

Stetson's official application for admission must be completed, signed and dated with a \$55 non-refundable application fee.

Detailed information about application requirements can be found online at www.law.stetson.edu/admissions, or you may request a viewbook from:

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Office of Admissions and Financial Aid
1401 61st Street South
Gulfport, Florida 33707
(877) LAW-STET • (727) 562-7802
lawadmit@law.stetson.edu
www.law.stetson.edu/admissions



I have had the privilege of teaching in the part-time program and have found the students to be bright and extremely motivated. When they complete the program, they are well-prepared to enter the practice of law.

Clark Furlow
Associate Dean, Tampa Law Center
B.A., Boston University;
J.D., Emory University





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