

PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT



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What Matters*

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON!

D.C. may be a landing point for graduates from law schools across the country, but no other school prepares students for a career in the nation's capital through such a wide range of experiential and curricular programs designed to make the most of being at the confluence of our three branches of government and the center of the modern administrative state. At American University Washington College of Law, we are committed to helping our community “decode D.C.” and embark upon rewarding and productive careers at the intersection of law and domestic public policy.

The Program on Law and Government—which recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary!—prepares students for careers in government, civil society, and lobbying, while engaging with and strengthening connections among our dynamic community of alumni. We host nearly 50 events each



year, bringing elected and appointed officials and judges to campus, including an ambitious effort to connect the students with federal general counsels. And the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project remains a source of empowerment for law students and high school students around the intersection of constitutional law and civic engagement.

To give you a better sense—and put you “in the room where it happens”—we invite you to check out our most recent annual report and follow the Program on social media.

We look forward to partnering with you to advance your goals working in and around government. There's no better time to be a lawyer in the nation's capital!

Thank you,

Professor Fernando Laguarda, *Faculty Director, Program on Law and Government*

A PREMIER CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF GOVERNMENT, LEGISLATION, AND THE REGULATORY STATE

THE PROGRAM ON LAW AND

GOVERNMENT at American University

Washington College of Law is a premier center for the study of government, legislation, and constitutional and administrative law. Celebrating a quarter century in our nation's legislative and regulatory hub, we offer a broad array of curricular options, experiences, and events, from cutting-edge courses taught by expert faculty, to symposia and panels featuring our talented alumni, to our renowned Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, and a "Who's Who" of visitors from political Washington, all designed to prepare students for careers at the intersection of public service, law, and domestic policy.

We are invested in and motivated by our students' success. With intensive curricular guidance and individualized career mentoring, we help students take full advantage of studying law in the largest and most exciting legal community in the United States. Our unmatched, diverse network of alumni are in many of the most sought-after positions in government, civil society, private industry, and law practice. Through the Program on Law and Government, our students are equipped with the knowledge, skills, experience, and relationships that empower them to make a lasting and positive difference in law and policy.





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ALUMNI SPEAKERS
WELCOMED
BACK TO CAMPUS



420+ GRADUATES
EMPLOYED
IN GOVERNMENT AND
JUDICIAL POSITIONS
IN THE PAST THREE YEARS



300+
GOVERNMENT
EXTERNSHIPS
IN 2017-2018



1,000+
ATTENDEES AT
LAW & GOVERNMENT
EVENTS



45+
CONFERENCES
AND ALUMNI
NETWORKING
EVENTS



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AREAS OF
SPECIALIZATION
LL.M. IN LAW AND GOVERNMENT

ACCESS TO EXTERNSHIPS

THE EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM at AUWCL provides over 350 students a year with the opportunity to gain practical, hands-on legal experience with government agencies, public interest organizations, courts, think tanks, trade associations, and law firms working at the intersection of law and domestic public policy. The law school's location in Washington, D.C., and its proximity to government and civil society, ensures that the Externship Program can provide students with a wide variety of exciting, valuable, and relevant work experiences. Students also take advantage of externships across the U.S. and abroad.

REPRESENTATIVE EXTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- United States Senate Judiciary Committee
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network)
- United States Department of Homeland Security, Office of Chief Counsel
- United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division
- Central Intelligence Agency
- United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the General Counsel
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- National Security Agency
- Wireless Infrastructure Association



The law school's Externship Fair, one of the largest single school fairs of its kind in the country, is attended annually by more than 130 organizations and 400 students.

Being Prepared Matters

DISTINCTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

LL.M. PROGRAM

The LL.M. in Law and Government is an LL.M. with a difference. Designed for both domestic and international law graduates who have a strong interest in U.S. government and politics, the dynamics of democracy, and the meaning of the rule of law, the LL.M. in Law and Government takes students on a broad and deep examination of the most important public policy issues of the time. Our organizing educational principle is that the best prepared lawyers and analysts in fields of regulatory law not only have a firm grasp of particular subjects, but also a mastery of the theories, political forces, and institutional realities that define public law in the United States.

MARSHALL-BRENNAN CONSTITUTIONAL LITERACY PROJECT

Named for the late U.S. Supreme Court Justices Thurgood Marshall and William J. Brennan Jr., the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project at American University Washington College of Law provides rigorous training in constitutional law and pedagogy to law students who serve as Marshall-Brennan Fellows and go out to teach in District of Columbia public high schools. Fellows work with teachers, administrators, and lawyers to teach students about their rights and responsibilities, the benefits of political participation, and the lawmaking and adjudication process. The Project was founded in 1999 by Professor Jamie Raskin, who was elected to the U.S. Congress in 2016. Since its founding, 19 law schools across



Marshall-Brennan Project Associate Director Lisa Curtis with Project Founder Rep. Jamie Raskin.

the country have affiliated with Marshall-Brennan to offer the experience to their students and local high schools, and thousands of Fellows have been launched into successful legal careers.

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