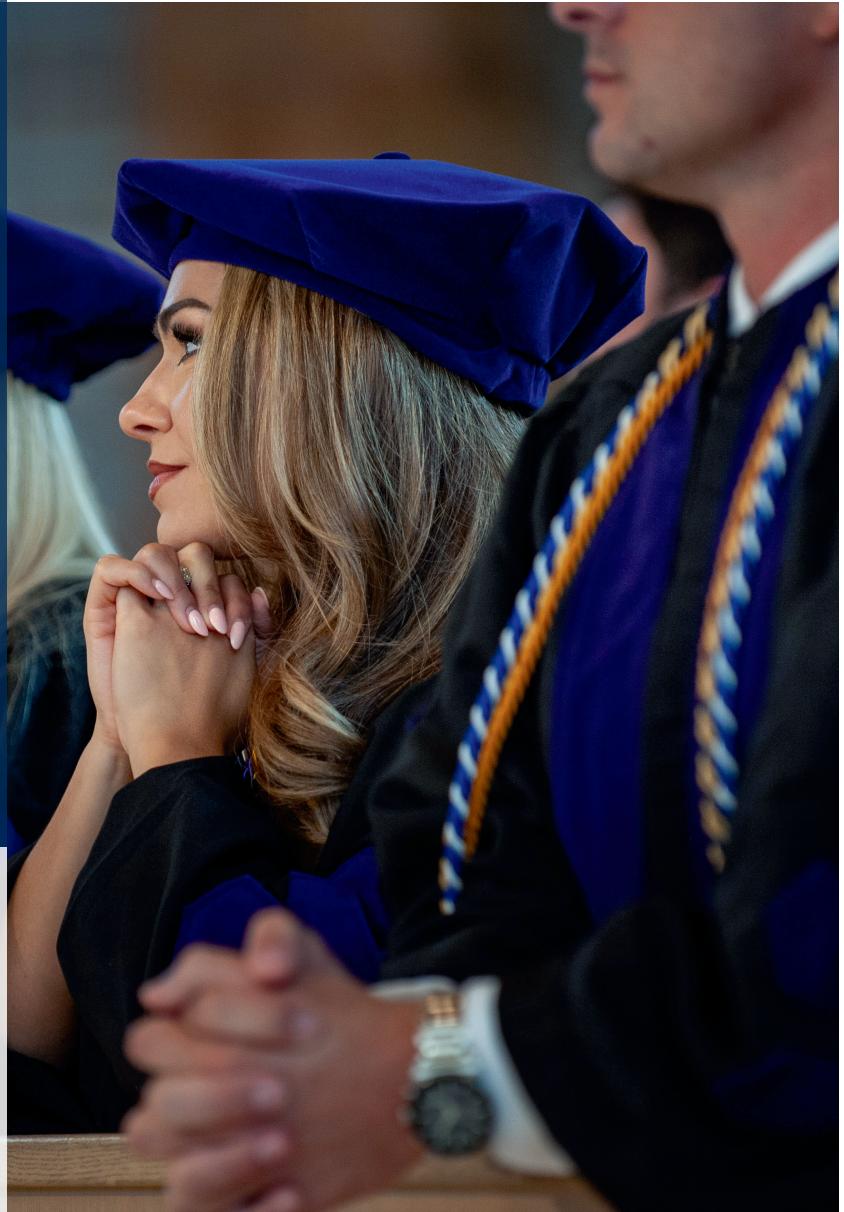


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AVE MARIA
SCHOOL OF LAW



Ave Maria
School of Law
is a Catholic
law school
committed
to shaping
lawyers of
exceptional
skill.



Maureen Milliron
Associate Dean for Student Affairs,
Title IX Coordinator &
Visiting Associate Professor of Law

Our unique approach to legal education prepares students not only for successful careers but for lives of integrity and service.

Ave Maria School of Law stands out in the legal education landscape, recognized as one of the nation's top law schools by *The Princeton Review* and honored as the Best Catholic Law School in the United States for the Devout by *The National Jurist*. We have also been recognized by the Cardinal Newman Society in *The Newman Guide*, the gold

standard for securing faithful Catholic education. We are the only law school recognized! Our student body hails from 49 states and various countries, bringing a rich diversity of backgrounds, careers, and educational experiences to our vibrant community.

Here, you will find an environment where your professional aspirations are nurtured alongside your personal values — all within a framework that emphasizes the harmony of **Fides et Ratio**.

Join us at Ave Law, where we equip you to excel in the legal profession and inspire you to make a difference in the world.

CLASS OF 2028

At a Glance

43%
Female



57%
Male

42%

Percentage of out-of-state students
(representing 27 US states plus Canada)

12

New veterans and
benefits-eligible family
members enrolled

167

Total new law students

155

First year law students

355

Total students at Ave Law

Over \$4M

Merit-based scholarships awarded to
first year students

25



Average age of students
(age range varies from 20 to 51)

61%

Percentage of Catholic students

75th Percentile

GPA 3.66 / LSAT 158

Median

GPA 3.36 / LSAT 155

25th Percentile

GPA 3.09 / LSAT 152

GUIDING YOUR PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY

At Ave Maria School of Law, our graduates emerge as highly skilled legal professionals, ready to take on leadership roles in law firms, corporate legal departments, the judiciary, and national, state, and local government.

Thanks to our rigorous professional training and distinctive educational philosophy, our alumni are well-prepared to excel in their chosen fields, securing positions with a diverse range of employers across the nation.

89%

Percentage of students placed in jobs after graduation, well above the national average

Our graduates pursue successful careers in:

- ▶ Private firms
- ▶ A wide range of businesses
- ▶ Public-interest employers
- ▶ The military
- ▶ Government agencies at all levels

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Jill Backer

Associate Dean for
Professional Development &
Associate Director of the
Business Law Institute



LIVING AND LEARNING IN NAPLES

A CITY THAT TOPS THE CHARTS

In 2024, Naples earned the title of No. 1 Best Place to Live in the U.S. from U.S. News & World Report. With its pristine beaches, warm weather, and strong community, it's an ideal backdrop for students seeking both growth and adventure.

BALANCE OF STUDY AND LEISURE

Here, afternoons can mean a trip to the beach, kayaking through the mangroves, or catching a performance downtown. Naples makes it easy to pair serious academic focus with the chance to unwind, recharge, and explore.

CAMPUS LIFE THAT FEELS LIKE HOME

Our 12-acre campus borders a county park, giving students space to study outdoors or relax between classes. On-campus housing includes apartments and single-family villas, and students enjoy access to the Chapel, law library, and faculty support — all within a community-centered environment.

THRIVING ARTS AND CULTURE

From theater and concerts to art galleries, unique shops, and restaurants, Naples offers endless cultural experiences. It's a city that feels lively and modern while remaining safe, welcoming, and close-knit — perfect for college life.

MORE THAN A PLACE TO STUDY

Naples delivers opportunities to thrive academically, spiritually, and socially. With world-class recreation, beautiful surroundings, and a safe, family-friendly atmosphere, this city offers more than an education. It offers a way of life.

The mission of Ave Maria School of Law is so much more ambitious than that of other law schools.

In addition to training our students to be excellent attorneys, we also show you **why** you should be an excellent attorney. For me, the law is much more than a job or a profession; it is a vocation that permits me to help others achieve their own individual destinies.

Our noble calling as attorneys, properly understood through the wisdom of the Catholic Church as it relates to human beings, has made all the difference for me in life. I hope that we at Ave Law will instill that same sense of vocation in you. After all, why devote your life to something less than a true calling to serve others?

Our students benefit from a wealth of resources, including robust academic support, career counseling, and a nurturing community that prioritizes personal and professional growth. We believe in fostering an



environment where students are encouraged to deepen their faith, sharpen their legal skills, and prepare for a future of impactful leadership.

I invite you to join us on this journey and discover how the law can be a true vocation — a path

to serving others and achieving your own unique destiny.

JOHN CZARNETZKY
Dean & CEO,
Ave Maria School of Law



At Ave Maria School of Law, our commitment to academic excellence is deeply rooted in our Catholic faith.

My journey from law practice to priesthood has given me a unique perspective on the intersection of law and faith.

Here, you will find a community that values the pursuit of legal knowledge while remaining steadfast in our dedication to Jesus Christ.

Our faith provides the ultimate context for understanding the law, emphasizing the dignity of the human person, and the importance of striving for a life of virtue.

My primary focus is your spiritual and pastoral care. I am here to support you in your academic journey, offering guidance, encouragement, and the sacraments to help you grow closer to God. Together, we will explore how the Catholic tradition informs and enhances our understanding of civil law, ensuring that our studies are aligned with the natural moral law.

I look forward to walking this path with you, fostering a community of compassion, humility, and perseverance. At Ave Law, we aim to prepare you not only for a successful legal career but also for a life of integrity and service to others.

Rev David A. Pignato

FATHER DAVID PIGNATO
Chaplain,
Associate Dean of Mission,
and Visiting Associate
Professor of Law



STUDENT LIFE & INVOLVEMENT

LEGAL CLINICS

- ▶ Estate Planning and General Practice Clinic
- ▶ Veterans and Servicemembers Law Clinic (VSLC)
- ▶ Intellectual Property Law Clinic

CO-CURRICULARS:

- ▶ Law Review
- ▶ Moot Court Board
- ▶ Business Law Institute (BLI)



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student life](https://avemarialaw.edu/student-life)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- ▶ Ave Maria Elder Law and Estate Planning Association (AMELEA)
- ▶ Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
- ▶ Criminal Justice Society (CJS)
- ▶ Cuban American Bar Association (CABA)
- ▶ Environmental Law Society (ELS)
- ▶ Federalist Society (FED SOC)
- ▶ Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Law School Affiliates (LSA)
- ▶ Knights of Columbus (KOC)
- ▶ Latino Law Students Association (LLSA)

- ▶ Lex Vitae Society (LEX)
- ▶ Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity (PAD)
- ▶ Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA)
- ▶ Sports & Entertainment Law Society (SELS)
- ▶ St. Francis Cabrini Immigration Law Society (ILS)
- ▶ St. Thomas More Society (STMS)
- ▶ Student Bar Association (SBA)
- ▶ Veterans Law Student Association (VLSA)
- ▶ Women's Law Association (WLA)



Choosing a law school is about more than academics—it's about finding a place where you will be challenged, inspired, and supported every step of the way. At Ave Maria School of Law, you'll discover opportunities that open doors, professors who genuinely invest in your growth, and a community that feels like home. As a faith-based law school, we are devoted to preparing ethical lawyers who lead with integrity and a heart for service and justice. I encourage you to visit us, meet our students and faculty, and imagine yourself here. On behalf of the Admissions, Financial Aid & Housing team, we would be honored to help you take the next step toward a future where you can truly make a difference."

Roxanna Cruz

Associate Dean of Admissions,
Financial Aid & Housing

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ADMISSIONS

**APPLICATION OPENS:
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Spring Start: December 1, 2025

Summer Start: April 15, 2026

Fall Start: July 15, 2026

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- ▶ Application form
- ▶ Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- ▶ LSAT (score must be within five years)
- ▶ CAS report
- ▶ Transcripts from all attended post-secondary institution of education
- ▶ Resume
- ▶ One recent letter of recommendation (within two years)
- ▶ Personal statement (2-3 pages, double spaced)

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

We offer a rigorous and varied academic program based on the foundation of *Fides et Ratio*. In addition, we fully support our students in preparing for the bar examination by offering intensive courses that focus on test-taking abilities, advanced essay writing, and multistate bar exam questions.

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Core curriculum credit hours

Credit hours of experiential courses

90

Total credit hours required for graduation

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Kevin Govern
Associate Dean for
Academic Affairs &
Professor of Law



WHERE ARE OUR ALUMNI?

AROUND THE WORLD

Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cayman Island, China, Dominican Republic, England, Germany, Ghana, Guam, Holland, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Peru, Turkey, United Arab Emirates

IN THE UNITED STATES



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