

A Guide to



AVE MARIA
SCHOOL OF LAW

FAITH, REASON, PROFESSIONAL FORMATION



NAPLES, FLORIDA

A Different Kind of Law School

Choosing a law school is not simply a career decision. It is a decision about the kind of lawyer, and person, you hope to become.

At Ave Maria School of Law, students receive a rigorous legal education grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition, where faith and reason work together in the pursuit of truth and justice. Here, legal education is not merely professional training. It is formation for principled leadership and meaningful service.

This guide introduces some of the distinctive qualities of Ave Maria Law and what students can expect from the academic, professional, and personal experience of studying law in Naples, Florida.



What Distinguishes Ave Maria Law from Other Law Schools

Ave Maria School of Law offers a distinctive approach to legal education rooted in the belief that the law is connected to morality, justice, and the dignity of the human person

Students benefit from:

-  A rigorous academic environment grounded in faith and reason
-  Faculty mentorship and personalized attention
-  A strong sense of community and shared mission
-  Nationally recognized advocacy programs and hands-on experiential learning opportunities.
-  Preparation for meaningful careers across a wide range of legal fields

“*“Law is an ordinance of reason for the common good, made by him who has care of the community.”*”

— *St. Thomas Aquinas*

How the Catholic Intellectual Tradition Shapes Legal Education

At Ave Maria Law, students engage the law through the lens of the Catholic intellectual tradition — a tradition that values reason, ethical inquiry, and the pursuit of truth.

This approach encourages students to think deeply about the moral and human dimensions of legal practice while developing the analytical skills necessary for professional excellence.

Students are challenged to become lawyers who not only understand the law, but who also seek to serve others with integrity, wisdom, and courage.



ROOTED IN TRUTH

The pursuit of truth leads to a deeper understanding of law and human dignity.



FORMED IN VIRTUE

Education that forms character as well as professional ability.



CALLED TO JUSTICE

Preparing lawyers to serve others and promote the common good.

Clinics, Advocacy, Externships, and Professional Formation



Moot Court and Advocacy

Compete, argue, and refine your skills in nationally recognized advocacy programs.



Legal Clinics

Serve real clients and make a meaningful impact through hands-on experience.



Externships

Work with judges, attorneys, and organizations in a variety of legal settings.



Trial Advocacy and Negotiation

Develop essential courtroom and negotiation skills through intensive training.



Professional Mentorship

Build relationships and receive guidance from experienced legal professionals.



Students gain practical experience through clinics, advocacy competitions, externships, and mentorship opportunities that prepare them for professional success from day one.

Student Life, Mentorship, and Campus Culture

Ave Maria Law offers a close-knit and supportive academic community in Naples, Florida.

Students benefit from:

- Faculty accessibility and mentorship
- Student organizations and leadership opportunities
- A collaborative campus culture
- Spiritual life and service opportunities
- The quality of life offered by Southwest Florida

Many students describe the Ave experience as personally formative as well as professionally transformative.

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"I believe that if the judicial system of our country is not reformed and returned to the vision of our Founding Fathers, we as a country and a society will be in grave trouble."

— Tom Monaghan. Chairman and Founder, Ave Maria School of Law

Admissions Requirements, Scholarships, and Career Pathways

The admissions process at Ave Maria Law is designed to identify students who demonstrate academic potential, character, and a commitment to meaningful professional development.

The Admissions Office works closely with applicants throughout the process, including scholarship consideration and enrollment guidance.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

1

APPLY

Submit your application online through LSAC.org.

2

SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS AND LSAT SCORES

Official transcripts and LSAT scores are required for review.

3

ADMISSIONS REVIEW

Applications are reviewed holistically by the Admissions Committee.

4

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Admitted students are considered for merit scholarships and financial assistance.

5

ENROLLMENT STEPS

Complete enrollment requirements and prepare to join the Ave Maria Law community.

PREPARING FOR MEANINGFUL CAREERS

Graduates pursue careers across many areas of law, including:

- Private Practice
- Judicial Clerkships
- Public Interest Law
- Government and Public Policy
- Business and Corporate Law
- Military and Nonprofit Service



AVE MARIA LAW BY THE NUMBERS

- 334 Students Part of the Ave Maria Law Community
- 73% Receive Scholarships
Merit-based scholarship assistance is available to qualified applicants



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Begin the Conversation

We invite you to learn more about Ave Maria School of Law and explore whether this distinctive approach to legal education is the right fit for your future.

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