

PhoenixLaw Highlights

Bar Pass:

- 80+% cumulative first time Arizona Bar Pass Rate and over 90% ultimate bar passage rate, both indicators being well above ABA standards.
- These bar results are also well above undergraduate GPA and LSAT predictors for these students.
- Our students have also successfully passed bar exams in other states, including California, Colorado, New Mexico, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa and Utah.
- In the most recent bar results (for the February 2010 Arizona Bar exam), our first time pass rate was almost 20% higher than the other law schools in Arizona (17.1 % higher than ASU and 19.7% higher than U of A) and 10% above students from all ABA schools sitting for the Arizona Exam.
- Importantly, our minority students taking the bar have performed as well as our non-minority students.

Career Placement

- We have achieved a 96% cumulative career placement rate, with 97% in our most recent NALP report. This included jobs for which a JD is required or preferred.

Admissions

Our admissions goals over the last five years have been realized. As of Fall 2009, PhoenixLaw had students enrolled from 42 states and over 220 colleges and universities.

This year we are on target to meet our admissions goals for next Fall which includes 22% minorities among our pre-registered students.

Diversity

- We have a strong commitment to diversity, as evidenced by our joint programs with the Arizona State Bar, summer boot camp, and many other activities.
- PhoenixLaw shared top honors (with Cleveland Marshall and Nova) out of 214 Member schools, in winning the Law School Admission Council's LSAC's first ever national "Diversity Matters" Award.
- In addition to the LSAC award, The Princeton Review has ranked the Phoenix School of Law as number eight among all law schools for the most diverse faculty. The diversity of PhoenixLaw's faculty is 36% as of April 2010.
- PhoenixLaw has made diversity an integral part of its mission through the creation of the Diversity Committee and Dean's Diversity Council which seeks to increase the diversity of the profession by ensuring both success as well as access to legal education and the legal profession for groups who have been under represented.
- We have a strong commitment to serving the needs of the underserved as evidenced by our compulsory pro bono requirement, our part-time evening program (the only one in the state), and our engagement by our students, faculty and staff with the general community.

Professionalism and Experiential Learning

Phoenix School of Law was the only law school in the country, in 2009, to win the prestigious ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism's Gambrell award for our General Practice Skills Course (a capstone 6-credit legal practice skills course required of all students).

- On Externships: Our externship program that has been utilized by 80% of our graduates
- We have a rapidly growing clinic program and will have 5 clinics in operation next year.

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Students Achievements

- Our student organization has won ABA recognition for its membership activity and three PhoenixLaw students were selected to serve as Lt. Governors on national ABA student committees.
- We have enjoyed outstanding student success in major competitions (Mooting, essay, mediation advocacy), finishing ahead of some of the top law schools in some of the most prestigious competitions in the country. (Criminal Procedure Moot, Gibbons)
- Three editions of our Law Review will be complete by July of this year, including special issues on Arizona Government and Legal Education.

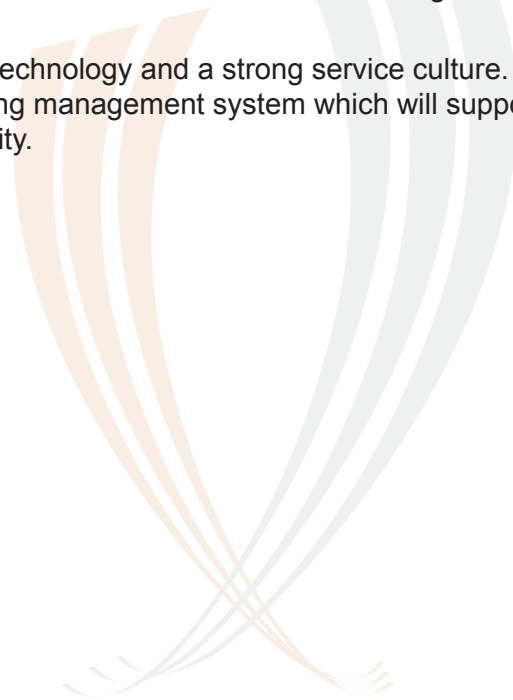
Faculty

- Supporting our practice ready mission is a faculty, almost half of whom have an average of 10 years of legal practice experience, including 4 judges with 63 years of judicial experience among them.
- We have developed innovative processes such as our teaching best practice sessions that our faculty members participate in every two weeks. Topics covered include: learning styles, effective feedback, use of technology in classroom, professionalism, learning climate, learning taxonomies, creating rubrics.
- We have established in honor of our former Chief Justice, the McGregor Lecture on Legal Education and McGregor Visiting Professor of Teaching Excellence. Professor Scott Thompson of St. Thomas (Minnesota) was our first McGregor Visiting Professor.
- Our faculty's scholarship output has grown steadily and substantially; there has been a dramatic increase from 2007 to 2010. During that time period the faculty published 10 books and 65 articles, and created 32 draft articles, blogs and conference materials. Two examples of the scholarship's

impact are: (1) Professor Salzmann's recent article was selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition of the *Entertainment, Publishing and the Arts Handbook* (published annually by Thomson Reuters (West)) as one of the best law review articles published within the last year in the fields of entertainment, publishing, and the arts, and (2) Professor Willrich's Report on the State of Black Arizona, which has made a significant difference in raising the awareness of diversity issues in Arizona.

Infrastructure

- We have developed an excellent infrastructure, that includes an Information Resources/Library team headed by our Rob Hudson, our new director, who holds legal, library and soon PhD in Educational Technology qualifications.
- We have state-of-the-art technology and a strong service culture. This includes implementation next year of a \$2 million learning management system which will support every class and enhance our distance education capacity.



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