



Mercer University School of Law

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1. What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy meeting prospective students and advising them about the law school application process and discussing the possibility of a legal career.

2. What do you like most about your law school?

As a Mercer undergraduate and law school alum, I think Mercer provides a wonderful legal education. Our entering class is small and provides a very collegial and nurturing environment. We have very dedicated and accessible faculty and staff, the classmates are very supportive of each other, the curriculum provides an ideal balance between theory and practice, and we are located in the charming city of Macon, Georgia. In addition, our legal writing program is consistently ranked first or second in the nation every year, and we are the host school for the Legal Writing Institute, National Criminal Defense College, and the National Legal Ethics Moot Court Competition.

3. Is there any advice you would give pre-law advisors as they are working with students on the application process for your law school?

I would advise students to research the schools they are interested in attending and pay close attention to the requirements of each school. I would also advise students to apply early in the application process. Mercer accepts students on a rolling basis so as seats are filled it becomes more competitive later in the process when there are fewer seats available. It is also important to take the LSAT as early in the application process as possible. For example, if a student is applying for Fall 2013 they should take the LSAT in either October or December of 2012. I would also advise students to pay close attention to scholarship deadlines. We consistently have students apply late in the process and miss valuable scholarship opportunities.

4. What are some of the unique opportunities students will find at your law school?

Again, our small size is conducive to a very nurturing and collegial community. Our student to faculty ratio is 14 to 1 and this allows our faculty to be very accessible and available to our students. Also, our Legal Writing Program is consistently ranked first or second in the nation and all students have legal writing and research classes four of their six semesters and this provides students with the essential legal research and writing skills they need to be prepared to practice right after graduation. In addition, we offer the nation's only Certificate in Advanced Legal Writing, Research, and Drafting. Employers recognize that when they hire a Mercer Law graduate, they are hiring a lawyer who is highly trained in these skills. Mercer was the first law school in the

nation to offer a first-year course in legal ethics and professionalism in addition to the required course in legal ethics taught at every law school. We continue to offer the most progressive ethics and professionalism program in the nation, so that you learn through both classroom and practical experiences how to be an ethical lawyer. Almost half of Mercer Law Students participate in clinical training through our highly regarded Law and Public Service Program. Students work on real cases and gain the practical skills they need once they graduate. For example, students in the Habeas Project help to represent people who have been wrongfully imprisoned, offering a legal lifeline that could lead to a new trial.

5. Is there anything you would like to leave pre-law advisors with as a final comment?

I think pre-law advisors can provide very helpful and valuable information to prospective law students. I appreciate their hard work and commitment. I attend SAPLA and PLANC on a regular basis and I am always amazed to hear how many pre-law advisors teach a full load and provide pre-law advising services to students. They are always eager to work with the law school admissions professionals and learn more about individual law schools.