



Northern Kentucky University College of Law

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1. What do you enjoy most about your job?

The best part of my job is working with admitted students. During the application process, these students have remained largely faceless --- hiding behind emails and phone calls. However, after admission, they start visiting the school and becoming active on our Facebook group which allows me the opportunity to get to know them as individuals. The students are so excited, as well as a little nervous, and come up with the most interesting questions. I am still amazed that even after 10 years I still get asked a question that I have not been asked before by an incoming student.

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

The students. I graduated from NKU Chase in 2001 and the people I met in law school were wonderful. My fellow students were hard-working, collegial, and enthusiastic. I am proud to report that I find the same qualities in the student body today.

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?

The best advice I can give is "when in doubt about an answer, email or call me." I would like to hear from prelaw advisors more, but I also understand how incredibly busy everyone is when working with students. Our application process, like many schools, is fairly standard without a lot of extra or unique processes in place. However, the character and fitness questions vary among schools and this is an area where a prelaw advisor could be helpful by pointing out how the questions and instructions may change the student's responses for each school to which he or she is applying.

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

At Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law, the faculty and administration truly understand the importance of preparing students for the changing legal landscape. There is no doubt that technology has changed the way we live and do business and that the legal market needs lawyers that not only grasp these complex legal issues, but are skilled in the profession upon graduation. Two programs that I believe to be very unique at our law school are the NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute and the new Semester in Practice Program.

The NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute explores the collection of rules, principles and regulations involving the collection, classification, storage, retrieval, and dissemination of recorded knowledge. Through courses, symposia, publications, and workshops, the NKU Chase Law + Informatics Institute encourages thoughtful public discourse on the regulation and use of information systems, business innovation, and the development of best business practices regarding data systems in business, health care, media, entertainment, and the public sector.

The Institute prepares law students and practitioners to navigate the labyrinth of laws, regulations, business practices, and public policy implications of informatics. As a result, they will cross traditional boundaries to solve problems created as new technologies, demands, and professions emerge.

The Semester in Practice Program is a field-based external clinic in which students apprentice (without pay) with lawyers in all areas of practice or in judicial chambers. The SIP provides an opportunity - through observation, participation, practice, and reflection - to improve students' legal knowledge and skills and to inform and expand their vision of what the practice and profession of law can be. Students will spend time away from the College of Law in an actual practice setting.

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

First, I would like to say thank you for all the work you do helping students navigate the path to law school. I would, however, continue to encourage pre-law advisors to assist students with the process of how to select a law school. I continue to be concerned about the number of students I speak to on the road or during office visits that have not given much thought to what it means to practice law or what is important to them when considering law schools.