

UChicago Careers in Law

The **UChicago Careers in Law (UCIL)** program provides undergraduates and alumni interested in legal careers the knowledge they need to prepare for law school and the legal profession. Through workshops, presentations, internships, mentoring and one-on-one advising, UCIL seeks to support students and alumni as they decide whether a career in law is a good fit for them.

Advising

Students have access to one-on-one advising with the program director of UChicago Careers in Law, an expert with extensive experience in the legal field. The program director provides students with personalized assistance in career planning, finding job and internship opportunities that match their interests, and preparing application materials.

Workshops & Guest Speakers

UChicago Careers in Law workshops are held throughout the academic year and cover an array of current topics and issues in the field of law. More than 50 attorneys participate in College-sponsored programming each year; these programs include alumni lawyers practicing in private, public and nonprofit sectors who give students an accurate picture of professional experiences across a broad range of fields, including international law, corporate law, public interest and government services. Some workshops and past speakers include:

- Legal ethics and professional responsibility
- In house counsel experiences
- Panel discussions on public interest law and pro bono opportunities
- The importance of business development in private practice and law firm settings
- Utilizing a law degree outside of legal practice

Special Events

UChicago Careers in Law students have access to enriching opportunities. Past special events have included:

- Jurors in the Classroom (Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago)
- IL Year Orientation and Send Off
- UChicago Undergraduate Mock Trial and Moot Court Invitational Tournaments
- UChicago Law School Mock Trial Jury Service

Metcalf Internship Opportunities

Internships in law-related organizations provide students with on-the-job experience, which can be extremely useful in determining whether or not law is the correct path to take, and to explore different areas of legal practice. The Jeff Metcalf Internship Program provides paid, substantive internships exclusively to UChicago students. UChicago Careers in Law staff assist students in securing these internships. Some law-related Metcalf

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Home Wyomissing, PA
Occupation Jeff Metcalf
Intern at the Center for
WorkLife Law



ERIKA RIST

"The UChicago Careers in Law Program has been truly instrumental in enabling me to begin thinking and learning like a lawyer. In rendering my Philosophy coursework more vivid and providing a practical basis on which to begin working in the legal field, I have to credit the UCIL program with helping me get my foot in the door of what I hope will be a fruitful legal career."

internships include:

- Cook County State's Attorney (Chicago)
- Cordell & Cordell (St. Louis)
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (Chicago)
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center (San Francisco)
- LegalHealth
- National Immigrant Justice Center
- Neal, Gerber, & Eisenberg LLP
- New Orleans Public Defender
- NYU School of Law
- Office of the Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs
- Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (Washington D.C.)
- Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia.
- Seyfarth Shaw LLP (Chicago)
- Skadden Arps (New York)
- Southern Poverty Law Center
- UChicago Urban Labs
- Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California (San Diego)
- Winston & Strawn (Paris)

Treks

UChicago Careers in Law students visit public and private institutions in Chicago in order to expose them to a wide range of legal careers and workplaces. Several treks are available to students throughout the academic year, and in the past have included opportunities to meet with:

- Ricardo Ugarte, '90, Winston & Strawn, Managing Partner, Geneva Switzerland Office
- Zachary Fardon, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois
- Raj Nayak, '00, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Labor (Washington, D.C.)
- Ben Hoffart, '01, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Goldman Sachs (New York)



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UChicago Law School Mentor Program

Each year, more than 100 UChicago law students and undergraduates participate in the UCIL Mentor Program. Each undergraduate is paired with a law student who serves as mentor and adviser to the student. College students sit in on law school classes and attend law school events with their mentors. Through formal programming, networking social events and one and one informal meetings and interactions, UCIL students have an opportunity to learn firsthand about the law school experience.

UChicago Law Scholars

In 2012, the College and the Law School launched the Chicago Law Scholars Program, a special early admission opportunity available only to members of the University of Chicago academic community. This special admissions program encourages College students and alumni to remain part of the University of Chicago by providing applicants an admissions decision early in the law school admissions process as well as the prospect of substantial merit scholarships, up to and including full tuition. With the University of Chicago Law School ranked among the top five law schools in the nation, this partnership provides our students and alumni the unique ability to pursue a legal education in the same rigorous, intellectual community they have already come to call home.

UCIL Legal Research and Writing Seminar

The legal research and writing seminar is offered each spring, offering students a chance to learn legal research skills and techniques which drastically increase one's value as a potential intern or paralegal, aid in research for a BA paper, and give students a sense of law school curriculum (a similar and more lengthy course is required for 1st year students in law school).

The legal research seminar, taught by the law school librarians and an experienced legal writing instructor from UCIL, provides students with the opportunity to learn about the sources of law and how to find legal materials. The writing component provides students an opportunity to synthesize facts and the law they have researched in a written legal memorandum.

Application Assistance

UCIL helps students prepare successful applications to law school, develop lists of target schools, and select the most appropriate school for their interests and goals. UCIL advisers review and provide feedback on students' application materials, including personal statements and resumes. Advisers can provide valuable insight into the differences between law schools as students sharpen their applications and make final decisions. UCIL also sponsors on campus visits by admissions officers from a range of law schools, as well as workshops on writing personal statements, LSAT preparation strategies, navigating financial aid resources and other application topics.

Taking the Next Step

Each January, the College holds a daylong career-planning event for second- and third-year students. Students attend panels with alumni from around the world and a keynote presentation by a prominent alumni speaker. Hundreds of alumni attend this event to discuss the ways in which they have put their UChicago educations to use. Recent participants involved in law have included Rachel Barner, AB'92, SVP at Jones Lang LaSalle; Renato Mariotti, Assistant U.S. Attorney with the Department of Justice; and Kristin Greer Love, AB'06, JD'09, a staff attorney with the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights.

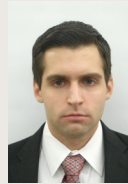
Law School Visits

UCIL collaborates with the Law School to offer many relevant experiences for College students. Each year, UCIL brings a group of undergraduates to the Law School, where students sit in on classes, meet current students, and hear from the Law School admissions team. The law librarians offer special legal research training sessions geared toward undergraduates interested in learning more about identifying and finding sources on law.



EMMALINE CAMPBELL
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Law, Letters & Society
Home Decatur, GA
Occupation Second year
student at UC-Berkeley
School of Law

"I've attended excellent career-related UCIL events, from panels with alumni lawyers to helpful personal meetings. I've also enjoyed the many opportunities sharing a campus with an exciting law school offers—including attending lectures with Supreme Court justices, law school professors, and politicians."



ROBERT BISHOP
UChicago Degree AB'11,
Mathematics, Political
Science
Home Austin, TX
Occupation Third year
law student at Columbia
University Law School

"UCIL made the law school application process straightforward even a year after graduation, and the advice and feedback I received from the advisers helped me strengthen my applications and gain admittance to my top choice law school."



MICHAEL KENSTOWICZ
UChicago Degree AB'12,
Laws, Letters, & Society
Home Pittsburgh, PA
Occupation Third year law
student at the University of
Chicago Law School

"By engaging me in such substantive and exciting work, introducing me to many prominent [people in the field], and getting to know me on a personal level, [my employer] made my internship very fulfilling and for that I am extremely grateful."



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