

# Life at Scalia Law

Scalia Law is a close-knit and collaborative community in Arlington, Virginia, a city with a lively restaurant, music, and bar scene in a pedestrian-friendly setting.

The Arlington campus is close to national treasures such as the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima), Arlington National Cemetery, and the Pentagon Memorial. More than 50 wineries and a dozen national parks are just minutes away by car, train, or bike. In addition, the Clarendon Metro station across from the school is just four stops away from Washington's K Street law firms and government agencies.



#### Why Scalia Law?

We are living in a climate of strong opinion and polarized points of view. At Scalia Law, we believe that the best lawyers for these times are those who have learned to analyze, discuss, and advocate all sides of an issue.

That's why we strive to create a student experience that exposes you to viewpoints all along the legal and political spectrum—while encouraging you to join the debate, and to do it in a civilized and respectful manner.

We are a small law school, with fewer than 450 students. Our low student/faculty ratio provides you with direct and personalized interaction with professors—an invaluable advantage when learning complex legal doctrines.

While still a relatively young law school, Scalia Law has risen very quickly in several prestigious rankings. Although we have been a Top 50 school for the past 20 consecutive years, we rose to #28 in the most recent *US News* rankings. We are ranked #3 among all schools in Washington, DC, Virginia, and Maryland. As a Washington–centered school, we offer you unparalleled opportunities for practical experience while you're in law school. We have established relationships with major national and international law firms, leaders in Congress, federal and state court judges, and a multitude of government agencies and public-service organizations.



OVERALL U.S. NEWS
RANKING AMONG 16
DC, MD, AND VA LAW
SCHOOLS

IN EMPLOYMENT AMONG 16 DC, MD, AND VA LAW SCHOOLS\*



\*US News Class of 2022 10-month full-credit employment outcomes, March 2024.



**Fall** 2024

**Entering Class Profile\*** 

**71%**Out-of-State

85
Colleges & Universities

**3.92**Median GPA

168 Median LSAT

116
Incoming Students

98%
Awarded Scholarship Support

350
Admitted

**32**States + DC

**2,397**Applicants

32%
Diverse

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\*As of August 26, 2024. Final data will be submitted to ABA in October.



**Close to... Everything** 

Scalia Law is located next to DC, one of the CROOKED RUN largest legal markets in the U.S. and our nation's capital.



**PARADISE** 

**SPRINGS** 

WINERY

KEY

**■** EMPLOYERS

RECREATION



#### **ALSO NEARBY**

Shenandoah National Park (66 Miles) Home to Skyline Drive, excellent hiking, and more

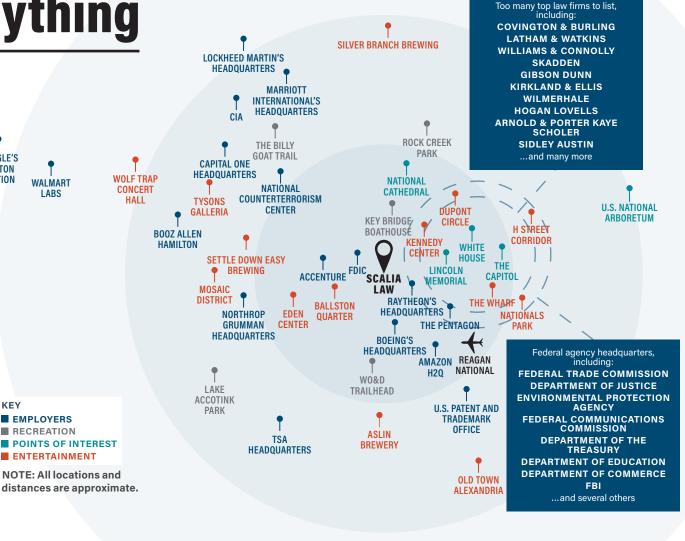
Annapolis, Maryland (38 Miles) Historic city along the shores of the Chesapeake

> Rehoboth Beach (127 Miles) Vacation city on the Atlantic Ocean

**Catoctin Creek Distillery (45 Miles)** 

National Museum of the Marine Corps (32 Miles)

**Udvar-Hazy Center (25 Miles)** The National Air and Space Museum's annex



 10 MILES —— \_\_\_ 5 MILES \_\_\_\_\_ — 5 MILES — 10 MILES

#### **Experiential Learning**

At Scalia Law, you're encouraged to get hands-on experience to advance your career goals and strengthen your practical skills. You'll have the opportunity to participate in one or more of our in-house clinics or work for public- and private-sector employers in our supervised externships.

- Administrative Law Clinic
- Arts and Entertainment Advocacy Clinic
- Capitol Hill Supervised Externship
- Free Speech Clinic
- Immigration Litigation Field Program
- Mason Veterans and Servicemembers Legal Clinic

- Poverty Law Field Program
- Regulatory Comments Legal Practicum
- Supreme Court Clinic
- Virginia Practice Supervised Externship

#### **Academic Programs**

Students at Scalia Law explore a wide range of substantive areas of law to gain a broad and well-rounded legal education. However, individuals who have specific interests may choose to pursue an area of focus or a concentration.

- Administrative Law and Government Regulation
- Antitrust Law\*
- Business Law and Financial Regulation
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Cyber Law\*
- Environmental and Energy Law
- Family Law and Estate Planning
- Immigration and Human Rights Law

- International and Comparative Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Law and Economics
- Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- National Security Law and Policy\*
- Patent Law\*
- Public Interest Law\*
- Tax Law\*



**JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA | 1936-2016** 

"Justice Scalia will go down in history as one of the most important Supreme Court justices ever, and also as one of the greatest. His articulation of textualist and originalist principles, communicated in that distinctive, extraordinary prose, did nothing less than transform our legal culture."

THE HONORABLE ELENA KAGAN
 Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

## Enduring Legacy

### The Scalia-Ginsburg Colloquy: Promoting Civil Discourse in the Manner of Two Great Justices

The strong friendship between the late U.S. Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia and Ruth Bader Ginsburg is as legendary as their sharp disagreements on the bench. Guided by their example, Scalia Law launched a lecture series in July 2023 that brings together distinguished scholars for a series of substantive—yet civil—discussions of both sides of important legal issues.

Since its inception, the Colloquy has featured scholarly discussions of timely constitutional law decisions, including the affirmative action cases, the 303 Creative First Amendment decision, Trump v. Anderson, and Trump v. United States.

"In addition to its intrinsic value, this colloquy shows how important it is to balance advocacy with professionalism and civility," said Scalia Law School Dean Ken Randall. "These traits are essential for effective lawyering but often in short supply today."

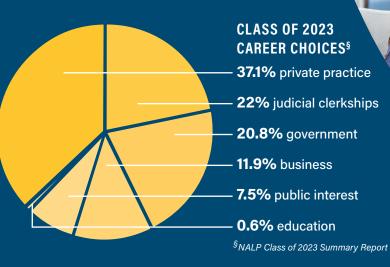


#### **Planning Your Career**

Faculty and staff in the career services and legal skills team provide individualized attention to Scalia Law students that matches your interests with your career goals. Services include:

- Academic Skills Programs
- Access to National Job Banks
- Alumni, Faculty, and Student Mentors for Bar and Career Support
- **Application Review**
- **Bar Exam Tutoring**
- Bar Exam Skills Course
- Character and Fitness Guidance
- Clerkship Training
- CliftonStrengths Assessment
- **Communications Training**
- Course Planning Advice
- **Dedicated Study Space for Bar Exam**
- **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Training**
- **Employer Panels**

- **Etiquette Training**
- **Interview Training**
- Leadership and Professional **Development Training**
- **Networking Events**
- **One-on-One Counseling**
- **Private-Sector Recruiting Programs**
- Professional Headshots
- **Public Service Job Fair**
- Summer Research Bank
- **Well-Being Programs**



FIVE-YEAR EMPLOYMENT **OUTCOMES** 

021: **90.6**%

\*Employed 10 months after graduation in full-time, long-term positions requiring a JD or where a JD is an advantage. \*\*Also includes graduate students and employer-funded jobs. 2023 first-time

passage rate†