Thank you for visiting George Mason University School of Law! Opened in 1999, Hazel Hall is the main law school building. Here you will find the law library, classrooms, faculty, the law school administration, and student support services. We have a student body of approximately 500 students, two-thirds of who are in our full-time program.

The Admissions Office is located on the FOURTH FLOOR of Hazel Hall, Room 450.

- The Admissions Office receives over 2,000 applications for admission each year. In the fall of 2015, Mason Law matriculated 157 students. The median undergraduate GPA was 3.59 and the median LSAT score was 161.
- Next door to the Admissions Office is the Law & Economics Center (LEC). The LEC conducts original research in law and economics and provides educational programs for judges, attorneys general, and other policymakers in order to further enhance economic understanding and impact policy solutions. Mason Law students enjoy easy access to LEC programs, such as academic conferences and roundtables, and resources for research in the areas of law, economics, and antitrust.
THIRD FLOOR

1. The tour begins on the 3rd floor. As you step out of the elevators, you will see framed editions of Mason Law’s journals. At the end of their second semester, students are eligible to participate in an anonymous write-on competition for membership in the George Mason Law Review; the Civil Rights Law Journal; the Journal of Law, Economics & Policy; the Journal of International Commercial Law; or the National Security Law Journal. The Journal of Law, Economics & Policy also requires student interviews for membership on the journal. Transfer students may participate in a separate, later write-on competition, as there are a number of spots reserved for transfer students on each of the journals. Astute observers will note that there are 6 framed journals even though Mason Law students only participate on 5. The 6th journal is the infamous Green Bag, founded by Mason Law professor, Ross Davies. You will read more about Green Bag when you arrive at the library later in this tour.

2. After looking at the journals, please turn to the left and head down the hallway lined with bulletin boards. On the bulletin boards you will see a sampling of Mason Law student organizations. Mason Law has over 30 student organizations that cover a broad and diverse range of interests. The entire list of organizations and the contact information for each group is available on our website at law.gmu.edu/students/orgs.

3. As you proceed down the hall, on your left you will see two Seminar Rooms, 347 & 348. Seminar rooms are spread throughout the building. Most students will take at least two seminar classes while they are at Mason Law. Many seminars accept only a limited number of students, and these smaller classrooms lend themselves well to a small class size.

4. Directly ahead of you will be a faculty suite, where professors’ offices are located. There are additional faculty suites on the fourth floor. Most professors keep office hours that allow both part-time and full-time students to meet with them. Mason Law students report that the professors are very accessible to them. In fact, Mason Law has a mentor program where all first year students are paired up with a professor who will guide students through their first year of law school. Mentor professors meet with their assigned students as a group and individually, and are generally available to answer questions that may arise during the first year of school.

5. Turn to the right and walk a few steps down the hall to the Records Office. The Records Office staff oversees class registration and exams and produces transcripts for our students. While the Financial Aid Office is located on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University, a representative from financial aid is regularly available in the law school Records Office at the beginning of each semester.

6. Adjacent to the Records Office, you will see student mailboxes. Students are assigned a mailbox, where they typically receive returned papers from professors, as well as information from student organizations. Professors prefer to communicate with students via e-mail and online discussion forums.

7. Across from the mailboxes is the grade board. The grade distributions for each course are posted to this board. The curve for all required courses will fall between 3.2 and 3.3. For courses of 50+ students, the curve is between 3.15 and 3.35; for classes fewer than 50, the curve is between 3.05 and 3.45. Class ranks are posted on
a board to the left of the grade board. Students obtain their individual grades by logging in to Patriot Web, our on-line registration system.

8. Once you have finished observing the grade and class rank boards, walk to the end of the hall and turn right. You will see a hallway lined with lockers. These are available to rent for a nominal fee, and are used by students to store books and personal items.

9. Walk down the locker-lined hallway and proceed to the Career, Academic, and Alumni Services Office (CAAS), which will be on your left. CAAS provides academic counseling to students, assists students and alumni in finding employment, and facilitates relations between Mason Law and its alumni. All first-year students are required to participate in a 30-minute counseling session with a career and academic counselor, and they are encouraged to meet with CAAS counselors as many times as desired before and after graduation. Please feel free to stop in the CAAS office with questions pertaining to career services, fall recruiting, or anything at all! Mason Law’s website contains detailed information regarding employment statistics for graduates of the three most recent classes at nine months out from graduation. Please visit law.gmu.edu/career/employment_information to view this data.

10. Take the elevator to the SECOND FLOOR.
SECOND FLOOR

1. Turn right on your way out of the elevator and then make an immediate left where you will see Room 221 on your right. Room 221 is a representative medium-sized classroom. You are welcome to enter the classroom as long as no class is in session. The entire building, including all classrooms, is wireless, and most students take their notes and many exams on laptop computers. Each seat has access to a power outlet and LAN line.

2. Exit out of the same door that you entered and then walk a few feet to your left. Here you will see Rooms 216 and 237. These offices are home to the Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property (CPIP). CPIP is dedicated to the scholarly analysis of intellectual property rights and the technological, commercial, and creative innovation they facilitate. Law students may get involved with CPIP by attending their lectures and seminars and by participating in the Arts & Entertainment Advocacy Program, one of the many clinics offered at here at Mason.

3. Look further down the hall to the office on your right. This suite is home to the dean of the law school, Henry N. Butler, as well as other administrative officers.

4. Turn around and look to your left where you will see an entryway into Founders Hall. Founders Hall was completed in 2011, so it is a relatively recent addition to the Arlington campus. George Mason University’s School of Policy, Government and International Affairs is housed in Founders Hall, as is the Professional MBA Program. Mason Law offers joint degrees in both those programs (JD/MPP and JD/MBA). Please visit our website for more information: law.gmu.edu/admissions/joint_degree.

5. Pass through the entryway into Founders Hall and walk down the hallway. You will pass by a quiet meditation spot on the left. Continue walking to about the middle of the hallway and turn left. Immediately in front of you is the Founders Hall library. The law school has its own library on the first floor of Hazel Hall, but law students are welcome to use the general library in Founders Hall.

6. Take the stairs to the FIRST FLOOR of Founder’s Hall.
FIRST FLOOR

1. At the bottom of the stairs is the main entrance of Founders Hall and the Arlington Campus Information Desk. If you walk to the right, you will find the Auditorium (Room 136) and the Multi-Purpose Room (Room 125), both used for special events on the Arlington campus. Walking toward the law school building, Einstein Brothers Bagels and the Arlington campus bookstore will be on your left before reentering Hazel Hall.

2. You will reenter Hazel Hall through the law school’s Levy Atrium, where students relax, catch up, and study in between classes. Additionally, many student organization events and receptions are held in the atrium. To your right, near the front of the building, you will enter the law school library. Feel free to explore all four floors. The first and second floors are connected by the spiral staircase in the center of the library, and interior elevators or stairwells take you up to the third and fourth floors. Study rooms and computer labs can be found on the second and third floors, but study carrels and tables are located throughout the library for all law students’ use. Carrels by the big windows are popular study spots. Mason Law participates in an inter-library loan program with other law schools in the Washington, D.C. area. Students may request materials from participating schools and they will be delivered to the Mason Law library.

3. As you leave the library, take a moment to examine the bobblehead dolls in the case to the right of the exit doors. Produced by Green Bag, Inc., whose editor-in-chief is Mason’s own Professor Ross E. Davies, the bobbleheads represent Supreme Court Justices and their famous legal opinions. Green Bag, Inc. is the only U.S. law journal with permission to produce bobbleheads of the Supreme Court justices, thus they have become quite the collector’s items.

4. Exit the library and turn right. Walk down the hallway (past the elevators) and turn left when you arrive in the back atrium. In front of you are the moot courtrooms. Mason Law has a trial room and an appellate room, both of which have the latest electronic court equipment. We have an active and successful Moot Court Board for students interested in appellate competition and argument, as well as an active Trial Advocacy group for those interested in trial competitions. The Moot Court Board sponsors the First-Year Moot Court Competition. All first-year students participate in this competition, which takes place on a Saturday in the spring semester. Students prepare a motion for argument for the competition, which they present to panels of volunteer judges composed of law school alumni, local judges, and practitioners. The final round of the First-Year Moot Court Competition is held in the ceremonial courtroom of one of our local courthouses. Use of the moot courtrooms provides our students with invaluable opportunities to practice what it feels like to be a lawyer in an actual courtroom.

5. After visiting the courtrooms, go up the stairs to your left for your final tour stop. Along this hallway are classrooms 120 and 121, our largest lecture rooms. Many first-year classes are held in these two classrooms. An average first-year section has between 40 and 60 students, with smaller breakout sessions for LRWA classes.
Thank you for visiting George Mason University School of Law! Please feel free to contact us at 703.993.8010 or via e-mail at lawadmit@gmu.edu with any additional questions.