

**Survey of Law School Students  
Summer and Fall 2005, Spring 2006  
George Mason University**

Congratulations on your impending graduation from George Mason University. Your satisfaction and evaluation of your educational and student life experiences at Mason are important to us and will be used in educational planning. This survey will allow you to provide important feedback to Mason faculty and administrators. While the survey is not anonymous, be assured that your responses are confidential. Data will be analyzed and reported by groups only and at no time will individual responses be linked with your name.

**Directions:** Circle, mark, or write in the most appropriate response and return this survey to the Office of Institutional Assessment, George Mason University - MS 3D2, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. **If you prefer to complete this survey online, go directly to the survey at: <http://assessment.gmu.edu/surveys/2005-2006/letter-law.cfm>.**

**Part I. Background Information**

1. When did you first start your law study at George Mason University?  
 1999 or earlier     2000     2001     2002     2003     2004
2. Did you begin law school at George Mason or elsewhere?  
 Started here     Started elsewhere and transferred here
3. Among the law schools that you considered, was George Mason your:  
 First choice     Second choice     Third choice or lower
4. How many years elapsed between earning your undergraduate degree and enrolling in the Mason Law School?  
 Less than 2 years     4-5 years  
 2-3 years     6 years or more
5. Did you pursue your law degree primarily:  
 Full-time     Part-time
6. What was your employment status for most of your law education? (Do NOT include unpaid internships.)  
 Full-time job     Worked occasionally  
 Part-time legal job (e.g., during the summer)     Did not work  
 Part-time non-legal job (e.g. during the summer)
7. Did you receive financial support from any of the following sources? (Select ALL that apply.)  
 Teaching assistantship (e.g. legal writing fellow)  
 Research assistantship or equivalent  
 University scholarship  
 Non-University scholarship  
 Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Approximately, what is your current class rank (in percentile) ?  
 Top 25%     26-49%     50-74%     Lowest 25%
9. How much educational debt from attending law school do you expect to have upon your graduation?  
 None     \$30,001 - \$40,000  
 \$1 - \$10,000     \$40,001 - \$50,000  
 \$10,001 - \$20,000     \$50,001 - \$60,000  
 \$20,001 - \$30,000     More than \$60,000

## Part II. Law Program

To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about your Mason experience:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	NA*	Don't know
<b>Academic Program</b>						
10. My program was intellectually challenging and stimulating.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
11. My program has provided me with a good preparation for my future career.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
12. Courses listed in the catalog are offered frequently enough for timely completion of the degree requirements.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
13. There are a wide range of courses to choose from.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
14. The writing program has helped me to improve my legal writing skills.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
15. The Law School prepared me well to take the bar exam.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
16. The Law School encourages the ethical practice of the law.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
17. The Law School has given me sufficient support to succeed academically.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
18. Overall, I have a strong sense of belonging to the Mason Law School.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
<b>Faculty at Law School</b>						
19. The courses I took were well taught.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
20. Faculty members prepare carefully for their courses.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
21. Faculty were willing to meet with me to discuss my academic performance.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
22. Interactions among students and faculty are characterized by mutual respect.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
23. Faculty in the Law School were interested in the welfare and professional development of students.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
24. There is good communication between faculty and students regarding student needs, concerns and suggestions.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
25. There are many opportunities outside the classroom for interaction between students and faculty.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
<b>Students at Law School</b>						
26. There are students from different social, cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds at the Mason Law School.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
27. The intellectual caliber of students in the program is high.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK

\*not applicable

Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do at law school before you graduate:

	Have done	Currently doing	Plan to Do	Do not plan to do	NA
28. Clinical internship or externship	4	3	2	1	NA
29. Volunteer or pro bono work	4	3	2	1	NA
30. Serving on a student-faculty committee	4	3	2	1	NA
31. Working on a legal research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	4	3	2	1	NA
32. Law review/journal member	4	3	2	1	NA
33. Moot court team	4	3	2	1	NA
34. Legal writing fellow	4	3	2	1	NA
35. Other law student organization	4	3	2	1	NA

### Part III. Satisfaction

How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your experience at the Mason Law School:

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	NA/Don't know
36. Academic advising	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
37. Career counseling	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
38. Personal counseling	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
39. The level of financial support	4	3	2	1	NA/DK

How satisfied are you with the following services/facilities on the Arlington campus:

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	NA/Don't know
40. Law school library	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
41. Law school computing resources	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
42. Campus recreational facilities	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
43. Campus parking	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
44. Campus bookstore	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
45. Campus food services	4	3	2	1	NA/DK

46. If you checked "dissatisfied" or "very dissatisfied" in any of the above, please write your comments here:

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### Part IV. Future Plans

47. What are your employment plans after you graduate from law school?

- I expect to continue with my current employer in my current position.  
 I expect to continue with my current employer in a new position.  
 I expect to take a position with a previous employer (not my current employer)  
 I will begin a new position with a new employer.  
 I will look for employment.  
 I will be self-employed.  
 I will not look for employment.  
 Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

48. Which setting BEST describes your EXPECTED employer once you graduate from law school? (**Mark ONLY one.**)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Law firm                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade association or lobbying firm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic institution                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Military                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/industry                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-profit organizations     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial clerkship                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government (federal, state or local) |   |

