Law Student Exit Survey  
Fall 2008, Spring and Summer 2009  
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 the survey online go directly to: http://assessment.gmu.edu/surveys/2008-2009/letter-law.cfm or access the survey through our website at: http://assessment.gmu.edu. Once there click on “Student Exit Surveys.”

Part I. Background Information

1. When did you first start your law study at George Mason University?
   a. _____ 2002 or earlier  
   b. _____ 2003  
   c. _____ 2004  
   d. _____ 2005  
   e. _____ 2006  
   f. _____ 2007  
   g. _____ 2008  

2. Did you begin law school at Mason or elsewhere?
   a. _____ Started here  
   b. _____ Started elsewhere and transferred here  

3. Among the law schools that you considered, was Mason your:
   a. _____ First choice  
   b. _____ Second choice  
   c. _____ Third choice or lower  

4. How many years elapsed between earning your undergraduate degree and enrolling in the Mason Law School?
   a. _____ Less than 2 years  
   b. _____ 2-3 years  
   c. _____ 4-5 years  
   d. _____ 6 years or more  

5. Did you pursue your law degree primarily:
   a. _____ Full-time  
   b. _____ Part-time  

6. What was your employment status for most of your law education? (Do NOT include unpaid internships.)
   a. _____ Full-time job  
   b. _____ Part-time legal job  
   c. _____ Part-time non-legal job  
   d. _____ Worked occasionally  
   e. _____ Did not work  

7. Did you receive financial support that does not have to be repaid from any of the following sources? (Select ALL that apply.)
   a. _____ Teaching assistantship (e.g. legal writing fellow)  
   b. _____ Research assistantship or equivalent  
   c. _____ University scholarship  
   d. _____ Non-University scholarship  
   e. _____ Employment benefit (e.g. tuition assistance)  
   f. _____ Other, please specify: __________________________________________  

8. How much educational debt from attending law school do you expect to have upon your graduation?
   a. _____ None  
   b. _____ $1 - $10,000  
   c. _____ $10,001 - $20,000  
   d. _____ $20,001 - $30,000  
   e. _____ $30,001 - $40,000  
   f. _____ $40,001 - $50,000  
   g. _____ $50,001 - $60,000  
   h. _____ $60,001 - $70,000  
   i. _____ More than $70,000
## Part II. Law Program

9.a. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about faculty in your law program:

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<tr>
<th>Statement</th>
<th>Strongly agree</th>
<th>Agree</th>
<th>Disagree</th>
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<td>The courses I took were well taught.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Faculty were willing to meet with me to discuss my academic performance.</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>Faculty in the Law School were interested in the professional development of students.</td>
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<td>There is good communication between faculty and students regarding student needs, concerns and suggestions.</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>There are many opportunities outside the classroom for interaction between students and faculty.</td>
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9.b. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about students in your law program:

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<td>There are students from different social, cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds at the Mason Law School.</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>The intellectual caliber of students in the program is high.</td>
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9.c. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about academics in your law program:

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<td>My program was intellectually challenging and stimulating.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>My program prepared me well for my profession.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Courses listed in the catalog are offered frequently enough for timely completion of the degree requirements.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>There are a wide range of courses to choose from.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>The writing program has helped me to improve my legal writing skills.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>The Law School encourages the ethical practice of the law.</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>The Law School has given me sufficient support to succeed academically.</td>
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<td>Overall, I have a strong sense of belonging to the Mason Law School.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>I would recommend the Mason Law School to prospective students.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>If I were starting over, I would enroll at the Mason Law School again.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
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10. Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate:

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<th>Activity</th>
<th>Have done</th>
<th>Currently doing</th>
<th>Plan to do</th>
<th>Do not plan to do</th>
<th>NA*</th>
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<td>Complete a clinical internship or externship</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>NA</td>
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<td>Volunteer or do pro bono work</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Serve on a student-faculty committee</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Work on a legal research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Serve on the George Mason Law Review/other law journal</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>NA</td>
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<td>Serve on a moot court team</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Be a legal writing fellow</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>NA</td>
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<td>Participate in other law student organizations</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
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**Part III. Satisfaction**

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

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<tr>
<th>Aspect</th>
<th>Very satisfied</th>
<th>Satisfied</th>
<th>Dissatisfied</th>
<th>Very dissatisfied</th>
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<td>Academic advising</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Career counseling</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Mentoring (e.g. supporting professional development)</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Level of financial support</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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12. If you selected “dissatisfied” or “very dissatisfied” in any of the above, please explain:

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

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<tr>
<th>Service/Facility</th>
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<th>Dissatisfied</th>
<th>Very dissatisfied</th>
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<td>Law school library</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Law school computing resources</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Campus lounge facilities</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Campus parking</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Campus bookstore</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Campus food services</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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*not applicable

**Part IV. Future Plans**

14. What is your employment plan after graduating?
   a. _____ I expect to continue with my current employer in my current position.
   b. _____ I expect to continue with my current employer in a new position.
   c. _____ I expect to return to a previous employer in a new or previous position.
   d. _____ I will begin a new position with a new employer.
   e. _____ I will be self-employed.
   f. _____ I will look for employment.
   g. _____ I will not be employed.

15. Which setting BEST describes your EXPECTED employer once you graduate? (*Mark ONLY one*)
   a. _____ Law firm
   b. _____ Academic institution
   c. _____ Business/industry
   d. _____ Judicial clerkship
   e. _____ Government (federal, state or local)
   f. _____ Trade association or lobbying firm
   g. _____ Military
   h. _____ Other non-profit organizations
   i. _____ Other, please specify: ____________________________
Part V. Final Questions

16. Overall, how satisfied are you with the Mason Law School?
   a. _____ Very satisfied       b. _____ Satisfied       c. _____ Dissatisfied       d. _____ Very dissatisfied

17. Please select one or more of the following categories and comment regarding your experiences at the Mason Law School. We would particularly like to hear your suggestions for improvements that would enhance the experience for future students.
   a. _____ Academic environment
   b. _____ Campus environment
   c. _____ Curriculum
   d. _____ Faculty, general
   e. _____ Faculty–student communication
   f. _____ General comments
   g. _____ Quality of advising
   h. _____ Quality of instruction
   i. _____ Research experiences
   j. _____ Resources (lab, Internet, library, bookstore, etc.)
   k. _____ Staff
   l. _____ Students
   m. _____ University management (food, gym, parking, etc.)
   n. _____ Other: _______________________________

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Please enter your GMU student identification number which begins with the letter “G.”

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GMU email address: ________________________@gmu.edu

Preferred email address after graduation: ________________________

Your G-number and email address are necessary for us to verify that only law school students have completed the survey. All individual responses are confidential and no report will identify you as an individual. Thank you for your participation.

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